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Mendoza's Foresight class still evolving

By KATIE PERALTA
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The new Foresight in Business and Society course now required of all business students beginning with the Class of 2011 has taken a turn for the better since its inception last fall, students and faculty say.

Mendoza College of Business Dean Carolyn Woo said the course, which encourages students to examine and evaluate major issues and trends facing society in the future, was generally not well received at first.

"The fall semester feedback was not positive," Woo said. "I would say 75 percent of students had difficulty with the course."

Woo said starting in November, Mendoza faculty took feedback from students and began redesigning the course. One big change was the addition of more sections to reduce class sizes.

"I would say more students are in favor of the class than in last semester," Woo said. "We have made improvements and are seeing higher satisfaction."

Woo said feedback is always part of the improvement process.

"Innovation seldom succeeds at the first try," she said. "In the innovation experience, it is very important to take feedback."

Woo said Mendoza faculty tend to share her sentiment about the course's improvement.

"They feel that this semester is going a lot better than last semester," she said.

Many students shared Woo's positive outlook on the course's improvement as well.

"The course has been changed for the better since its inception last year," said junior Henry Shine, who took the course first semester and is now a teaching assistant. "The course is adapting to fit both students' wishes and the demands of 21st century businesspersons in a climate where today's decisions are influencing life in tomorrow's world."

Junior Richard Roggeveen, who began the spring class "as a skeptic," said although he had never heard anything positive about the course from fel-

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Restaurants Chipotle and Five Guys Burgers and Fries are currently open in Eddy Street Commons, which is expected to install four new tenants in the coming months.

Commons a success so far

Eddy Street garners business, awaits arrival of new tenants

By JOSEPH McMAHON
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Eddy Street Commons has continued adding new tenants and expanding since first opening in the fall, a University official said.

"The University is extremely pleased with both the project and with Kite Realty Group as the developer," director of Asset Management and Real Estate Development Gregory Hakanen

said. "It is meeting all of the goals envisioned by Notre Dame and by our institutional partners and neighborhood residents as well."

Hakanen said the Eddy Street Commons project had been successful in "creating a 'college town' where none existed before."

He also said it has brought "new residences and commercial businesses to a previously deteriorated neighborhood [and created] a bridge between the

campus and the surrounding community."

Currently, Eddy Street Commons has eight operating tenants — the Hammes Notre Dame Bookstore, Outpost Sports, Old National Bank, Anytime Fitness, AT&T, Chipotle, Five Guys Burgers and Fries and Hot Box Pizza.

"I have heard reports that the businesses in Eddy Street

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Snite exhibits feature Chinese artist

By AMANDA GRAY
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It's not every day you see an artist wielding a Polaroid camera bigger than she is.

Hong Kong artist Caroline Chiu has two exhibitions currently in the Snite Museum of Art, both featuring her photographs taken with a 20 inch by 24 inch Polaroid camera, one of six in the world, a Museum press release stated.

"Though complex in its creation, the experience is one of simplistic beauty that anyone can appreciate," said Assistant Public Relations and Marketing



Photo courtesy of Gina Costa

Caroline Chiu's photograph of goldfish shot up close with a rare Polaroid camera is on display at the Snite Museum of Art.

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Phone banks call for clean energy

By JOHN CAMERON
News Writer

In preparation for the upcoming 40th anniversary of Earth Day, Repower Indiana will be on campus this week encouraging students to get involved with the movement toward a more environmentally-conscious America.

"Repower Indiana is a clean energy campaign, funded and organized by the Alliance for Climate Protection," Bobbie Stewart, communications director for Repower Indiana, said. "We want to inform people about the benefits of transitioning to a clean energy economy, as well as advocating for clean energy legislation."

Repower Indiana will be organizing phone banks where students can call Indiana residents, asking them to support clean energy legislation. Phone banks will be available from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. today in room 310 of DeBartolo Hall and Wednesday in the Gold Room of LaFortune Student Center.

"People will be coming by and learning more about ... how they can be involved with clean energy events around Notre Dame," Stewart said. "During the phone banks, Repower volunteers will be calling community citizens and asking them to help reach out to [Indiana Senators Evan Bayh and Richard Lugar] to pass clean energy legislation."

A clean energy bill is expected to reach the Senate floor in the near future, and Stewart said the Indiana senators' votes in support of this legislation are far from guaranteed.

"We're hopeful, it's really hard to tell ... Lugar is at least focused on conservation," she said. "There's some concern amongst the legislators that it will actually cost Indiana money, which we don't believe is the case."

Stewart said she sees student involvement in the campaign and influence over the legislature as especially crucial.

"Their impact, it's far, wide and critical. There's a recent poll of youths asking if they believe the country should be transitioning to a clean energy economy, and the answer was overwhelmingly high," she said. "Over 70 percent was yes."

Notre Dame students, in particular, have an important voice, Stewart said.

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INSIDE COLUMN

Man Uggs

As a female Notre Dame student, I am subject to a lot of stereotypes. I'm unattractive. I'm driven. I have problems interacting with the opposite sex. I'm a clingy girlfriend who has a wholly consuming desire to be engaged before I graduate. I dress sloppily, preferring to don sweatpants, Uggs and a North Face.



Mary Claire O'Donnell

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I will leave judgment of my attractiveness, personality and preferred relationship status up to you the readers. But there's one thing I won't deny: I love sweatpants and Uggs. I feel more at home in them than I ever will in a dress and heels or anything else. And I don't apologize for it.

I realize that this particular outfit might not be my best chance of attracting male attention, but I'm a female Notre Dame student, so it's already assumed that my gender relations skills are subpar.

Girls everywhere, however, are often mocked by males for their love of Uggs and their belief in their fashion-savviness. But is there not an equivalent in the male fashion world? Men everywhere will vehemently deny it. However, as my friend Torie astutely pointed out to me recently, there is: Timberlands ("Tims").

As I thought about it, the similarities between the two types of shoes are shocking, even though just looking at them, they seem like two completely different types of shoes.

One, their original use has more or less been thrown out the window. Uggs were originally designed for surfers in Australia to keep their feet warm after hours spent in the surf. Timberlands, with their steel toes, were made for construction workers and landscapers to protect their feet from swinging hammers and vicious rototillers.

Personally, I have never been surfing, and I could point out many people at Notre Dame wearing Timberlands who have probably never done a day's work in construction.

Two, it's all in the name brand. People spend exponentially more money to buy that pair of Uggs than they would buying a similar pair of Emus, just like they do for Timberlands.

Third, and one of my favorite aspects of Uggs, no tying required! You just slip your feet into your Ugg boot of choice and you are ready to go. And unless you're using your Timberlands for construction work, there's no need to tie up those laces. It's often even preferred not to.

I am not trying to harp on anyone's footwear choices because I'm no fashionista myself, and I'll never claim to be. I am just pointing out that behind every questionable female fashion trend, you can probably find a similar male one.

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QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT SHOULD THE NEXT THEME AT LEGENDS BE?



Colin Patience

freshman Keough

"Ska, because of the phat beats!"



Elizabeth Jen

freshman Welsh Family

"Snuggie Night."



Mark Flanagan

senior Keough

"Lumberjack night to celebrate spring!"



Sarah Hickam

freshman Welsh Family

"Jersey Shore and Snooki Night!"



Sean Keeley

freshman Keough

"Super Smash Brothers, because I won 4th place in the tournament!"

Have an idea for Question of the Day? E-mail observer.questions@gmail.com



GRACE KENESEY/The Observer

Freshman Brendan Dougherty of the Goofy Hat Gang plays tight defense and blocks a shot put up by a member of The Transfers in a Bookstore Basketball game Monday.

OFFBEAT

Iowan ready for prom in gum wrapper dress

GARNER, Iowa — An Iowa teen is all bubbly over her one-of-a-kind high school prom dress she made out of gum wrappers. Elizabeth Rasmuson made her dress — and matching vest for her date — out of blue and white wrappers from Wrigley's "5 gum." The high school junior says she got the idea after hearing about someone making a dress out of duct tape.

She and her boyfriend began collecting gum wrappers last August. Rasmuson says she quit counting after 200.

Since the wrappers break easily, Rasmuson finished her dress with a vinyl top coat.

Alleged drunk driver hits judge he faced in 1998

ROCKVILLE, Md. — A man has been charged with driving drunk and hitting the car of a retired Maryland judge who once spared him jail time in previous drunk driving case. The suspect, 45, was scheduled to be in court Wednesday to face trial on eight charges related to the August crash where he hit a car being driven by retired Montgomery

County District Judge Edwin Collier. Collier, 86, and his wife Ellen Collier, 82, were both injured in the crash.

Collier presided over a case in 1998 in which police charged the man with drunk driving after an officer saw his car idling in a parking lot and gave him a sobriety test. He pleaded guilty in that case, and Collier spared him jail time, even though the man had been arrested on drunk driving charges twice in three months.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

The Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies will be hosting a workshop titled "Innovations in the Study of Mass Violations of Human Rights" today from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The event will take place in rooms 210-214 of McKenna Hall.

The exhibition "108 Thoughts on Spirituality" will be held today from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. The exhibit will take place in the Snite Museum of Art. The event is free and open to the public.

The English Department will host a series of lectures titled "'Howards End' and Spiritual Democracy" today at 4:30 p.m. The lectures will be held in rooms 100-104 of McKenna Hall.

"Homosexuality Under the Dome: Past Struggles and Present Solutions," a panel discussion and seminar, will be held tonight at 7 p.m. The event will be held in Carey Auditorium of Hesburgh Library. The event is free and open to all students, staff and faculty.

The third installment of the Last Lecture Series will be held today at 7:30 p.m. The lecture features Professor James McAdams of the political science department and will be held in the Coleman Morris Lounge.

"Blithe Spirit," a play by Noel Coward, will be presented tonight at 7:30 p.m. The production will be held in Decio Mainstage Theatre of the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center. The event is ticketed.

To submit information to be included in this section of The Observer, e-mail detailed information about an event to obsnews@nd.edu

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CAMPUS LIFE COUNCIL

Intellectual environment examined

By MEGAN DOYLE
News Writer

Empty seats at lectures and a lack of academic conversation in residence halls spurred discussion in Campus Life Council (CLC) Monday.

The Council discussed possibilities for greater engagement outside the classroom and the intellectual environment on campus.

"We are an extremely intelligent campus," former student body president Grant Schmidt said. "We are very passionate about our studies. How do we expand on that?"

Members of CLC debated how to bring a more intellectual environment to campus life outside of the classroom that would still preserve Notre Dame's distinct identity.

"We are getting a sense from juniors and seniors that they are just now realizing that they should be having friendships with their professors," former student body

vice president Cynthia Weber said. Creating more peer academic involvement during freshmen orientation would be a method to introduce this intellectual environment to students immediately, she said.

Weber suggested that these conversations should could build an "opportunity to pursue service through scholarship" for students at Notre Dame who are looking towards graduate education.

Council members steered away from specifically incorporating academic life in the residence halls around campus by holding more classes in dorm settings.

"Looking at the residential system as a major piece of the puzzle in stimulating the intellectual life on campus is like trying to put out a fire with a water gun," Sorin Hall rector Fr. Jim King said.

The challenge is making the connection between the residence life and the culture of academia on campus, he said.

Making academic events appeal-

ing to students is critical to developing an intellectual environment, members said. The Council identified a lack of interest as a problem rather than a lack of opportunities.

"The value of a forum or of an event like the God Debate is that those stimulate discussion and are not just lectures," Judicial Council president Ian Secviar said.

Broadcasting important events through television and scheduling programs at more convenient times for students were proposed to engage more of the campus community.

Council members targeted a combination of over-programming and a lack of advertising as the source of low attendance for lectures on campus.

"It is a shame that we have so much at hand and so little being taken advantage of," student representative John DeLacio said. "It's frustrating."

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SMC blood drive sees large turnout

By ALICIA SMITH
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As a way of helping meet the American Red Cross's need for blood donations, Saint Mary's College hosted a blood drive Monday.

"Believe it or not, there is always a need for blood," Olivia Critchlow, assistant director of the Office for Civic and Social Engagement, said. "We feel that it's part of one's civic duty to donate if possible."

The drive was held in the College's Student Center Lounge from noon to 6 p.m., and was one of four blood drives the College offers each academic year.

At Monday's drive, more than 90 people had signed up to donate blood, Critchlow said. She also said students

were able to continue to sign up throughout the drive, and walk-ins were also accepted.

"It is important to donate blood because there is always a need for it in the community," Critchlow said. "Blood cannot be manufactured, so the only way to fulfill the need for it is through volunteer donations."

Critchlow said the actual blood donation takes less than 10 to 12 minutes on average. Additionally, the entire blood donation process takes less than one hour.

Sophomore Katie Cireski donated blood Monday to help fill a need.

"There's a need for blood and there are so many people that are eligible that don't donate, so I figured since I am eligible to donate, I might as well," sophomore Katie Cireski said. "I think it's something important to do and I think everyone should do it at least once in their life, if not more."

Junior Grace Sadowski also said she believes it is important to donate blood — so important that she has been a donor about 15 times.

"I've always given it," she said. "My little sister was premature and people that gave blood saved her life so I always do."

Sadowski said she thinks there is a higher need than ever before for blood donations and encouraged others to donate.

"I personally can't save people's lives, so I feel like this is helping as much as I can," she said. "I think more people should do it and it's not as scary as everyone thinks. Families that do have blood donated to them are really appreciative."

According to a press release from the American Red Cross, the blood drive held Monday was part of the "Stave a Vampire. Donate Blood" campaign.

As part of the campaign, two \$50 shopping sprees were given away in a drawing. Those who donated blood were entered.

In addition to the blood drive held Monday, other drives for the campaign will be held in the area. On April 26 and April 27, blood drives will be held in 315 LaFortune Student Center at Notre Dame.

Three \$50 shopping sprees will be given away each day during the blood drives held at the University.

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College explores school inequality

By CAROLYNN SMITH
News Writer

South Bend school representatives, from an elementary to university level, discussed how inequalities in education negatively affect students in a lecture at Saint Mary's College Monday night.

The lecture, titled "Equality and Education: The Faces and Facts," began with Notre Dame professor Maria McKenna, who spoke about the problems of poverty and the education system in the United States today.

"There are 73 million children under the age of 17 in this country. Forty-one percent live in low-income families and 19 percent live in poor families," McKenna said.

A poor family lives on an income of \$22,000 a year, she said.

"Three out of five kids are living in conditions where their food is not secure from day to day, their housing is questionable and positive interactions in their neighborhoods do not exist," McKenna said.

McKenna said in order to make a change, more people need to care about the effects of poverty.

"I think the future of this country rides on the fact that we need to care enough about the child and their edu-

cation for them to become productive citizens. But we are failing at that. Even though there are many people out there trying very hard to not fail, we are," McKenna said.

Yolanda Turner-Smith, president of Xavier School of Excellence in South Bend, spoke about charter schools.

"Charter schools in Indiana, as defined by the law, need to be unique, different and have high accountability," Turner-Smith said. "This allows teachers to use different methods to reach children and teach them in different ways that they can understand."

Turner-Smith said many of the children who attend charter schools are not at their appropriate grade level. There are many children who are in the fifth grade but may be reading at a third grade level, she said.

"Part of that accountability means that we have to bring students up to their level in one or two year," she said. "This allows for teachers to be able to teach the children in different ways."

She also said charter schools have smaller class sizes and are funded by tax dollars. If a charter school is forced to close, it is usually due to financial issues, she said.

Nancy Jacobson-Reighter, of

the Coquillard Primary Center in South Bend, said Title I schools are government funded, which leads to an unequal distribution of funds between the schools.

For students suffering from poverty, it affects every aspect of that student's life, she said.

"Many of our students have issues with nutrition and health care. They have never seen a dentist. They have never had their eyes checked. They have never been taught about nutrition," Jacobson-Reighter said. "This is because their parents do not have the means to provide these things."

Olivia Critchlow, assistant director of the Office for Civic and Social Engagement, said there is a need to inform other people about these inequalities, and students can fill that need.

"Educational inequality is not something that a small group of people can change. You need to tell other people and create a large group, and that will lead to real change," Critchlow said.

The event was sponsored by the Justice Education Department, the College Academy of Tutoring Program and The Katharine Terry Dooley Fund in Peace and

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low students, he was pleased with the course and the material it presented.

"As the professors respond to continual student feedback and continue to change course design, I believe that the course does have a place in the business school, at the very least to educate us students on larger problems and issues in the world and how business can act to help relieve them," he said.

The course, conceived three years ago, is the brainchild of Woo and professor of accountancy Thomas Frecka.

"For about 30 years I have been concerned that we don't train our students to look ahead," said Woo, who began teaching in the business school in 1976.

The course was then piloted over the course of three semesters and was offered to self-selected classes of about 10 students.

Implementation from pilot to requirement was not easy, but it was necessary, Woo said.

"The types of skills acquired

in the class are necessary," she said. "We also didn't want to create two tiers of students [within the business school] ... those who have taken the course and those who clearly haven't."

Woo said the course, which is concluded with a large-group research project comprising 40 percent of the student's grade, aims to achieve four important goals.

"It helps students understand future trends and then understand the implications of trends among social, political and economic factions," she said. "[It also teaches students] the methodology people use for generating future trends and assess in greater depth the issues related to these trends."

The course, Woo said, is distinct to Notre Dame.

"The course is very unique because it is not offered at other schools," Woo said. "This is one of the boldest things we've ever done."

Woo said the business faculty will continue to take feedback and retool the course this summer.

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"Their vote and their voice matter," she said. "It's time to stand up and exercise that voice for an issue that will be affecting you today and tomorrow."

Stewart said Notre Dame students should be invested in climate protection for the same reasons as other Americans, but that students have even more at stake as members of the younger generation.

"Just like anyone else, in the state, in the country, they stand to benefit from jobs that would receive funding from a clean energy initiative," Stewart said. "The most important reason to

transition is for a clean planet for future generations to come."

"One reason students are really motivated is the question of what's going to be left for them in 30 or 40 years," she said.

Stewart said it is important for students not to underestimate the difference they can make in the push for a cleaner America. She considers the role of Indiana residents, especially students, central to ensuring for a clean energy bill to get passed by the Senate.

"Again, I'd say we're hopeful, but a lot of it depends on Hoosier engagement, people like Notre Dame students."

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Director for the Museum Michelle Nguyen, a senior.

Chiu's two exhibitions are similar only in the artist's name.

"Polaroids as Chinese Ink Painting" are selections taken from Chiu's larger series "Dreaming: A Chinese Wunderkammer," a Museum press release stated. The selections feature goldfish as the main photographic subject.

"She creates visual poetry with her photographs of goldfish, as her style mimics that of Chinese ink painting," Nguyen said. "The use of Polaroid film, the large format camera for magnification and steady patience that goes into capturing each frame is apparent."

"She achieves her goal of making her photographs look so much like the skillful brushstrokes of Chinese art."

Film is no longer made for the camera she uses, making her images extremely rare and the exhibit into a tribute for Polaroid photography, Nguyen said.

Within the exhibit will also be a fish tank containing the same breed of fish photographed.

"The change in scale between the actual aquarium and the depiction of the gallery as an enormous aquarium will be enhanced by sounds of splash-

ing water — so the viewers might imagine themselves swimming among the goldfish," Chiu said in a press release. "I hope to create dissonances of scale by creating conflicting perceptions of looking into the actual aquarium while simultaneously feeling contained within a larger aquarium."

Chiu's other installation, titled "108 Thoughts on Spirituality," is an interactive project asking the audience to respond to questions on spirituality.

The installation will have projected images of flames, photographs of flames, music from various sacred traditions, sacred smells, a meditation space and an opportunity for viewers to write or draw on Chiu's photographs in response.

"Being an active participant in an installation that is created specifically with Notre Dame in mind will be a wonderful experience, especially at a school where spirituality is ever present," Nguyen said.

Participants will be given a Chiu photograph in gratitude for their contributions, Nguyen said.

"Polaroids as Chinese Ink Painting" will run until April 25, while "108 Thoughts on Spirituality" will run until April 16. Chiu will speak during a reception from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Thursday.

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A sign advertises Kildare's Irish Pub, which will open this summer at Eddy Street Commons. Other new businesses will include a salon, a cosmetics store and a diner.

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Commons are pleased with their results in the early going, and things will only improve from here as more businesses open, giving consumers more reasons to be here," Hakanen said. "We are very encouraged by the early results and look forward to continued growth."

Patrick Kohn, one of the sales associates at Outpost Sports, said business had been "steady" since the store opened in October, but also added he would like to see more Notre Dame students in the store.

"We need to get the Notre Dame kids knowing we're here," he said. "The clothes are mostly modeled towards college kids."

Four more tenants — Kildare's Irish Pub, Nicholas J. Salon and Spa, Camellia Cosmetics and an upscale diner called The Mark — are signed on and are expected to open within the next few months.

An 119-room, limited-service

Fairfield Inn and Suites is also set to open in June, ahead of the originally scheduled date.

Hakanen said Kite Realty Group did a "wonderful job" of finding tenants during difficult economic times.

"This has been the most serious recession since the Depression, and there is no question that it has slowed certain aspects of the project," he said. "Nevertheless, it is a testament to both the fundamentals of the project and to Kite Realty Group that the project has moved forward."

"We are confident that the project will proceed as originally planned, although on a somewhat slower schedule than anticipated."

Aspects of the project that will be delayed include the Legends Row condominiums and a full-service hotel. The full-service hotel will be in addition to the Fairfield Inn and Suites and will be open year-round.

"The full-service hotel has been delayed by the slowdown in the economy, which has virtually eliminated development of new full-service hotels country-wide,"

Hakanen said. "However, this remains a premier site for such a facility, and we are confident that Kite Realty Group will be able to commence the hotel as soon as economic conditions allow."

Hakanen also said the leasing of The Foundry apartments, which are owned and managed by Buckingham Companies, has "gone very well."

The West Building opened in August and is currently at 90-percent capacity, while the North Building will open on May 1 and already has 55 percent of residents committed.

The Foundry has largely been populated by local professionals rather than students, and Hakanen said the average age of the tenants is 38 years.

"Buckingham made the commitment from the beginning that The Foundry would be a professional residential community versus student housing, and the design, amenities, services, management policies and pricing reflect this,"

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

U.S. troops kill 4 Aghans on bus

KANDAHAR, Afghanistan — Afghans burned tires and chanted "Death to America" after U.S. troops fired Monday on a civilian bus near Kandahar, killing four people and wounding more than a dozen. Afghanistan's president accused NATO of violating its commitment to safeguard civilian lives.

The attack enraged Afghan officials and the public in Kandahar, the Taliban's birthplace, and dealt a blow to U.S. and NATO efforts to win popular support for a coming offensive to drive the insurgents from the biggest city in the south. NATO expressed regret for the loss of civilian lives and said it was investigating.

Bishops must report sex abuse

VATICAN CITY — The Vatican on Monday responded to allegations it long concealed clerical sex abuse by making it clear for the first time that bishops and clerics worldwide should report such crimes to police if they are required to by law.

The policy, spelled out in a guide for laymen and posted on the Vatican's Web site, matches the policy worked out by U.S. bishops after an explosion of sex abuse cases in 2002.

Unlike the American norms, however, the Vatican guide contains no call for "zero tolerance" for priests who rape and molest children, and victims immediately criticized it as insufficient.

The Vatican insists it has long been the Catholic Church's policy for bishops, like all Christians, to obey civil reporting laws. But such an explicit policy had never been spelled out — until Monday.

NATIONAL NEWS

Census director cites high participation

WASHINGTON — Census Bureau director Robert Groves said Monday he is heartened by the high level of participation so far in the 2010 census, with no indications that large numbers of conservatives were only partially filling out the form or boycotting the government count.

"We can't find empirical support for that," Groves said, regarding evidence of lower participation among conservatives. He noted that perhaps 1 or 2 percent of the 10-question forms returned so far have been incomplete, which is what officials previously anticipated.

Groves' comments, which came at a news conference to urge Americans to mail back their census forms by Friday, seemed to tamp down anecdotal reports in recent weeks that anti-government sentiment might spur a mass boycott among conservatives who consider the census form to be overreaching.

Calif. gay marriage ban repeal fails

SAN FRANCISCO — Gay rights activists say they have failed to qualify a measure that would repeal California's same-sex marriage ban for the November ballot.

Restore Equality 2010 chairman Sean Bohac says the volunteer-run group fell short of gathering the nearly 695,000 signatures needed to put the initiative before voters. Monday was the deadline for submitting the signatures to the Secretary of State's Office.

Bohac says Restore Equality's failed effort was undermined by the decision of more established gay rights groups not to participate in the campaign.

LOCAL NEWS

Slain woman sought protection

INDIANAPOLIS — A judge issued an order of protection for a 28-year-old woman against her ex-boyfriend on the day she was found stabbed to death along with her mother and another person, police said Monday.

Jeremy Blanchard, 30, has not been charged but has been named a suspect in the killing of his ex-girlfriend, Jessica Berg, 28; her mother Rebecca Berg, 57; and her mother's boyfriend, David McPike, 62. The three were found stabbed to death in McPike's home in Kokomo on Friday.

U.S., China strategize on Iran

Obama, Chinese President Hu Jintao discuss nuclear security at summit

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Amid a sudden upswing in relations, President Barack Obama and Chinese President Hu Jintao sought common ground Monday on Iran, agreeing that a set of potential sanctions should make clear to Iran the cost of continued nuclear defiance, a White House official said.

The two leaders, meeting on the sidelines of a U.S.-hosted summit on nuclear proliferation, also discussed a currency dispute between the two nations but without announcing specific progress toward resolving it.

White House national security aide Jeff Bader said Iran was a major topic at the 90-minute session between Obama and his Chinese counterpart. "I'd just say that the president in the meeting made clear the sense of urgency, and the Chinese made clear that they are prepared to work with us," Bader said. He called it another sign of international unity on Iran.

The upbeat assessment reflected a recent warming of U.S.-Chinese diplomatic ties, but the meeting produced no breakthroughs. Chinese spokesman Ma Zhaoxu did not mention sanctions in a statement on Hu's meeting with Obama.

Ma said China hopes all parties will step up diplomatic efforts and seek ways to resolve the Iranian nuclear issue through negotiations.

"China and the United States share the same overall goal on the Iranian nuclear issue," the Chinese statement said.

The U.S. description of the meeting echoed recent comments from Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton, U.N. Ambassador Susan Rice and others that the Chinese are now willing to talk turkey on sanctions — although nothing



President Barack Obama greets Chinese President Hu Jintao during the official arrivals for the Nuclear Security Summit in Washington Monday.

about a specific commitment. They started working on language at the U.N. last week.

Bader said Hu and Obama instructed their aides to work with the group of nations directly overseeing the Iranian nuclear issue and with U.N. officials to come up with a sanctions resolution. "The resolution will make clear the costs of pursuing a nuclear program that violates Iran's obligations and responsibilities," he said.

China — as do the United States, Russia, Britain and France — holds veto power on the U.N. Security Council. So it could block any sanctions proposal it does not like. In the past, both China and Russia

have expressed reservations with some of the proposals issued by the United States.

On the currency dispute, Bader said Obama reiterated his view that there needs to be "a more market-oriented exchange rate."

U.S. manufacturers claim China keeps its currency pegged to the dollar to make its exports cheaper. And Obama has publicly called on China to let its currency rise.

Analysts suggest China doesn't want to be seen as bowing to U.S. pressure. Still, there have been recent signs that China is moving on its own toward allowing its currency to rise with market conditions.

The White House official called it a "positive and constructive" meeting, "a meeting without talking points" involving leaders who are "familiar and comfortable with each other."

He said the two leaders did break for a moment of silence to remember the deaths of 29 U.S. miners in the worst U.S. coal mining disaster since 1970.

The meeting came during a recent thaw in diplomatic exchanges between the two countries after a period of rising tensions aggravated by China's rigid currency policies, U.S. arms sales to Taiwan, Obama's meeting with the Dalai Lama at the White House and U.S. tariffs on Chinese tires.

POLAND

Investigators: human error caused crash

Associated Press

WARSAW — Russian investigators suggested human error may have been to blame in the plane crash that killed the Polish president and 95 others, saying Monday there were no technical problems with the Soviet-made plane.

The Tu-154 went down Saturday while trying to land in dense fog near a Smolensk airport in western Russia. All aboard were killed, including President Lech Kaczynski and dozens of Polish political, military and religious leaders.

They had been traveling in the Polish government-owned plane to

attend a memorial in the nearby Katyn forest for thousands of Polish military officers executed 70 years ago by Josef Stalin's secret police.

The pilot had been warned of bad weather in Smolensk, and was advised by traffic controllers to land elsewhere — which would have delayed the Katyn observances.

He was identified as Capt. Arkadiusz Protasiuk, 36, and the copilot as Maj. Robert Grzywina, 36. Also in the cockpit were Ensign Andrzej Michalak, 36, and Lt. Artur Zietek, 31.

In Warsaw, there was concern the pilots may have been asked by someone in the plane to land at Smolensk

instead of diverting to Minsk or Moscow, in part to avoid missing the ceremonies.

Polish Prosecutor General Andrzej Seremet said Polish investigators talked to the flight controller and flight supervisor and "concluded that there were no conditions for landing."

"The tower was advising against the landing," Seremet said.

The plane was equipped with an instrument landing system, or ILS, said Col. Wieslaw Grzegorzewski of the Polish Defense Ministry.

"I can confirm the pilots were preparing for landing without the ILS system," he said. "The airport didn't have the ILS system."

Mine blast probe awaits recovery of final bodies



West Virginia Gov. Joe Manchin asks for a moment of silence in Charleston Monday to honor miners killed in an explosion last week.

Associated Press

CHARLESTON, W. Va. — Federal investigators arrived Monday at the West Virginia mine where 29 men died in an explosion last week to begin piecing together what caused the worst U.S. coal mining disaster since 1970.

Thirty miles to the north, hundreds of mourners including the governor observed a moment of silence at the state Capitol, during a wreath-laying ceremony at the foot of a statue honoring the state's miners. Karen Barker was among scores of state workers who attended.

"My dad was a miner and my grandfather was a miner. I have no idea how these people feel about losing their family member, but I can imagine," said Barker, 46, of Charleston.

The team of inspectors at the Upper Big Branch mine weren't heading underground until searchers removed all the bodies from the mine. The team from the Mine Safety and Health Administration briefed Secretary of Labor Hilda Solis and MSHA director Joe Main at the mine.

The last bodies were expected to be taken out Monday, state mine office spokeswoman Jama Jarrett said. Recovery efforts had been stalled in previous days by volatile gases, but teams entered after the tunnels were ventilated.

She said the crews late Monday were near where the bodies are located.

The state panel that writes mining safety rules and typically reviews inspectors' reports after the investigations are complete said it would like to join the investigators underground this time.

Richmond, Va.-based Massey has been under scrutiny for a string of safety violations at the mine, though CEO Don Blankenship has defended the company's record and disputed accusations that he puts profits ahead of safety.

Authorities have said high methane levels may have played a role in the disaster. Massey has been repeatedly cited and fined for problems with the system that vents methane and for allowing combustible dust to build up.

Hours after the blast, the company flew Gov. Joe Manchin back from a Florida vacation on one of its planes, Manchin said. The governor's top lawyer told him the use of the company's plane was acceptable because it was an emergency and a flight on a state plane couldn't immedi-

ately be arranged.

New York state's comptroller and a pension fund adviser called for Blankenship's resignation immediately as chairman of Massey's board.

Comptroller Thomas DiNapoli, trustee of a retirement fund holding more than 300,000 shares of Massey stock worth \$14 million, said the company failed to adequately manage risks at the West Virginia mine where 29 died after an explosion.

A similar challenge came in a letter to Massey from William Patterson, executive director of the Washington, D.C.-based CtW Investment Group, which works with union pension funds.

Mourning continued exactly a week after the explosion, with the ceremony at the state Capitol and a moment of silence at 3:30 p.m. President Barack Obama ordered all U.S. flags in the state flown at half-staff until sunset Sunday.

Virginia Gov. Bob McDonnell also asked people in his state to observe the moment of silence. He restored \$750,000 in funding for mine safety inspections in Virginia to the state's strained budget, saying the tragedy in West Virginia was a wakeup call.

Beneath a sunny sky, several hundred people held hands and prayed aloud during the ceremony. Four black-ribboned wreaths were placed at the memorial, as more than a dozen family members of those killed looked on. The largest bore white roses for each miner killed, and two yellow roses for the injured. Twenty-nine yellow helmets were lined up in front of the statue, a black ribbon on each.

A bell rang 29 times for each of the fallen miners. During a moment of silence that followed, sobs could be heard both from the family and the crowd thronged around them with heads bowed.

"Our goal is to have the safest workplace in America," Manchin said. "Someone who's willing to work hard and put everything on the line to provide for themselves and their family...should expect to come home safely."

Solis attended the ceremony and echoed that sentiment, while offering condolences to the family from President Barack Obama.

"No miner should ever lose his life in order to provide for his family," Solis said. "I will do everything in my power to ensure that we prevent these kinds of tragedies."

Orcas seen in rare attack

Associated Press

SEATTLE — Whale watchers in Puget Sound caught a rare and dramatic sight from their tourist boat: a pod of orcas speeding by in attack mode and then ramming a gray whale under water.

After the gray whale dove beneath the water Sunday, the pod of attacking transient killer whales followed suit.

"Everything was quiet for a minute," said Monte Hughes, captain of the Anacortes-based Mystic Sea Charters. "Then the water went into a frenzy. ... You could see the movements of the gray whale being hit underneath the water."

A short time later the gray whale surfaced, belly up, and jerked upward two or three times as it was being hit from below, he said. The killer whales then took off, and the gray whale floundered for a time, but eventually swam toward shallow waters.

Howard Garrett, director of the Orca Network, said there have been three other reports of transient orcas attacking gray whales in Puget Sound. The first sighting was March 22.

Garrett said the gray whale was spotted Monday swimming with other gray whales and appeared to be OK. The whale, a male named "Patch," has frequented the Puget Sound for the past 19 years, he said.

Transient orcas are different from the three pods of endangered Puget Sound orcas that feed on salmon. These whales typically eat marine mammals such as sea lions, porpoises, dolphins and gray whales.

Robin Baird, a marine biologist with the Olympia, Wash.-based Cascadia Research



In a rare photograph, a pod of orca whales attack a gray whale in Puget Sound in Washington on Sunday.

Collective, said it's not unusual for transients to attack gray whales but most of the attacks have occurred in California or Alaska, in areas where the grays are particularly vulnerable.

"I have not heard of them attacking grays in Puget Sound before," Baird said in an e-mail from Hawaii, where he was doing field work.

Whale observers said they're not sure why the attacks happened.

"It doesn't fit the usual textbook wildlife behavior," Garrett said. "They usually pass by each other and pay no mind."

Hughes said he hasn't seen anything like the attack during his 20 years operating whale-watching tours.

Noela Graham, a Whidbey Island resident, watched the attack with about 30 other passengers aboard the Mystic Sea and recalled it being "extraordinary to witness something that

you see on a National Geographic Channel.

After the first group of seven orcas attacked the gray whale and left, another pair of orcas approached the gray whale.

Hughes said he positioned the boat near the gray whale to deter another attack.

"I think we were able to deter that hopefully," he said, noting that the whale got its breath and very slowly started heading for the beach.

Erick Peirson, a captain with Puget Sound Express, witnessed another encounter while hosting 30 passengers on a whale-watching tour March 30. He said four transient orcas circled three gray whales not far from the boat. One male transient rubbed up against a gray whale, and there was a lot of splashing before the orcas took off.

"It happened real fast," he said. "It was a real brief touch-and-go."

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AMEX	1,980.05	+13.41
NASDAQ	2,457.87	+3.82
NYSE	7,629.05	+63.72
S&P 500	1,196.48	+2.11
NIKKEI (Tokyo)	11,251.90	0.00
FTSE 100 (London)	5,777.65	+6.67

COMPANY	%CHANGE	\$GAIN	PRICE
CITIGROUP INC. (C)	+1.98	+0.09	4.64
AMBAC FINANCIAL (ABK)	+104.55	+1.15	2.25
PALM, INC. (PALM)	+17.05	+0.88	6.04
BANK OF AMERICA (BAC)	+0.38	+0.07	18.66

Treasuries			
10-YEAR NOTE	-9.85	-0.42	3.85
13-WEEK BILL	-10.00	-0.02	0.14
30-YEAR BOND	-9.27	-0.48	4.70
5-YEAR NOTE	-14.79	-0.45	2.59

Commodities			
LIGHT CRUDE (\$/bbl.)	-0.58	84.34	
GOLD (\$/Troy oz.)	+0.50	1,161.6	
PORK BELLIES (cents/lb.)	-0.025	93.65	

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IN BRIEF

Microsoft unveils new cell phones

SAN FRANCISCO — Microsoft Corp. unveiled two cell phones Monday that are meant for social networking-savvy teens and twenty-somethings, in an attempt to revitalize its mobile business and regain ground on iPhones and BlackBerrys.

Microsoft said its new touch-screen phones — a short, square-shaped handset called Kin One and a longer, more rectangular one called Kin Two — will be sold exclusively in the U.S. by Verizon Wireless. They are being made by Sharp Corp., which has produced Sidekick cell phones, whose software comes from Microsoft-owned Danger Inc.

In the past, Microsoft has mostly sold its mobile software to other companies to put it on phones they make. This will be the case with its recently announced Windows Phone 7 Series software, which is expected to be on handsets by the holidays. The Kin phones mark a departure, as Microsoft has sway over the creation of their software and hardware.

Verizon said it will start selling the Kin phones online in early May and in stores shortly thereafter.

China's oil shopping spree continues

NEW YORK — China's not done shopping the globe for oil.

On Monday, a Beijing-backed oil producer announced the country's largest deal yet in North America, paying ConocoPhillips \$4.65 billion for its minority stake in a Canadian oil sands project.

Oil is a primary target for China, given the country's huge appetite for energy. The agreement with ConocoPhillips continues a trend of aggressive buying by the Chinese for energy resources, said Fadel Gheit, an analyst with Oppenheimer & Co.

For ConocoPhillips, the sale of its 9.03 percent stake to Sinopec, which is the international division of China Petroleum & Chemical Corp., is part of its plans to sell about \$10 billion in assets by 2011. The company is paring back an expansion undertaken in the middle of last decade.

As China's economy grows, the country has expanded its reach around the globe for raw materials. China already passed the U.S. as the largest market for new cars. Last month, sales of passenger jumped 63 percent in China from a year earlier.

Dow closes above 11,000 points

Stocks reach landmark level for the first time since start of financial crisis

Associated Press

NEW YORK — The Dow Jones industrial average closed above 11,000 for the first time in a year and a half on investors' rising hopes about the economy.

The Dow edged up about 9 points Monday to almost 11,006. The Standard & Poor's 500 index came within a point of hitting its own milestone of 1,200 during trading but closed just short of that mark.

Analysts said the Dow's move above 11,000 could provide a psychological boost and perhaps draw more investors to the market.

"There is a huge stockpile of cash on the sidelines earning virtually nothing," said Jack Ablin, chief investment officer at Harris Private Bank in Chicago. "Maybe this can help shake a few people into the market."

Stocks have been rising this year on growing expectations that the economy will shake off job market weakness and housing problems. A test of whether the Dow can hold the 11,000 mark will come in the next three weeks when companies report earnings. Investors also will want to see whether the government's next employment report, due in early May, shows that employers added jobs in April as they did during March.

On Monday, a loan agreement for Greece allowed U.S. investors to focus on domestic economic and corporate news, including announcements of two big deals.

European Union leaders agreed over the weekend to make loans available to Greece to help the country lower its public debt burden. The 16 countries that use the euro agreed to provide \$40.5 billion to Greece if needed. The International Monetary Fund could contribute another \$13.5 billion.



Traders work on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange Monday, when the Dow Jones Industrial Average closed above 11,000 for the first time in a year and a half.

Investors have been concerned that mounting debt in Greece and other European nations including Spain and Portugal would stunt a global recovery.

"This is clearly a positive development that the EU is identifying and dealing with what has really been its first real challenge," said Alan Gayle, senior investment strategist for RidgeWorth Investments.

Meanwhile, the latest round of corporate deal-making signaled that business leaders are more confident about a recovery.

Mirant Corp. agreed to acquire rival power company RRI Energy Inc. for \$1.61 billion, while the private equity firm Cerberus Capital Management is

buying DynCorp International, a provider of support services to U.S. national security operations, for \$1 billion.

The reports on Greece and the corporate buyouts raised expectations that the economy is recovering. Hopes of a rebound have been driving the stock market higher for 13 months. The advance since February has been more incremental but the gains have still left major stock indexes at their best levels since 2008.

The Dow rose 8.62, or 0.1 percent, to 11,005.97. It was the Dow's first close above 11,000 since Sept. 26, 2008. The index climbed above 11,000 in the final moments of trading Friday before fading

below the threshold.

The Dow has posted six straight weekly advances, its longest winning streak in a year. The index has added 1,000 points in two months. The index's only close below 10,000 this year came on Feb. 8. Since then, it's up 11 percent.

It has risen 68.1 percent since hitting a 12-year low in March last year though it is still down 22.3 percent from its peak or 14,164.53 in October 2007.

In other trading, the S&P 500 index rose 2.11, or 0.2 percent, to 1,196.48. It traded as high as 1,199.20. It hasn't topped 1,200 since September 2008.

The Nasdaq composite index rose 3.82, or 0.2 percent, to 2,457.87.

Conan O'Brien to host show on TBS

Associated Press

NEW YORK — The late-night guessing game is over, with a startling twist: Conan O'Brien has chosen TBS as his future talk-show home.

Expected to debut in November, the as-yet-untitled show will return O'Brien to the air after an absence that began in January when he abruptly left NBC, his employer of 17 years.

O'Brien's new program will air Mondays through Thursdays at 11 p.m. Eastern, which will shift "Lopez Tonight," starring George Lopez, from 11 p.m. EDT to midnight.

O'Brien's show will originate from Los Angeles, where he moved from

New York for his short-lived stint hosting "The Tonight Show." For the second half of each show, he will face off against Jay Leno, who replaced him.

The five-year contract gives O'Brien ownership of the show, according to a person familiar with the deal who spoke on condition of anonymity because the person was not authorized to publicly discuss it.

Upon TBS' announcement Monday, O'Brien quickly fired out a celebratory tweet.

"The good news: I will be doing a show on TBS starting in November! The bad news: I'll be playing Rudy on the all new Cosby Show," he posted on Twitter.

TBS said that talks with O'Brien

accelerated last week after Lopez called O'Brien to ask him to come aboard.

"I can't think of anything better than doing my show with Conan as my lead-in. It's the beginning of a new era in late-night comedy," Lopez said in a statement released by TBS.

Steve Koonin, president of Turner Entertainment Networks, said he flew from Atlanta to George Lopez's office on the Warner Bros. lot in Los Angeles last Wednesday to enlist the comedian's help.

Koonin pitched Lopez on the idea that both he and O'Brien were in their 40s and appealed to a young demographic, while Leno and David Letterman were older and played to an older crowd.

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The end of an era

I was talking with my Dad this past weekend about an op-ed piece in the Sunday New York Times entitled "One Man, Two Courts," by Linda Greenhouse. My Dad said, "If you were to tell me 34 years ago that when John Paul Stevens retired from the Supreme Court, he would be hailed as the leader of liberal wing, I would have thought you were crazy." I don't believe his is an isolated opinion. As Greenhouse had explained, Stevens, a moderate Republican from Chicago, was nominated in 1970 by Richard Nixon to serve on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit. He was appointed to the Supreme Court in 1975 by Republican President Gerald Ford. When asked in an interview in 2007 if he considers himself to be liberal or conservative, Stevens stated "I don't think of myself as a liberal at all. I think as part of my general politics, I'm pretty darn conservative." How on earth then did a twice Republican-nominated judge become the voice of the liberal wing in the Supreme Court? The simple answer is that the meaning of being conservative has shifted, and as a result, the Court, not unlike this country, has become increasingly more conservative.

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*A Confederacy
of Dunces*

Stevens was the first justice nominated to the Supreme Court after the Court's 1973 landmark decision in the case Roe v. Wade, in which the Court ruled in favor of protecting a woman's right to an abortion. Interestingly, during Stevens' Senate confirmation hearing in 1975, he was asked zero questions regarding the issue of abortion. Within 19 days, Stevens was confirmed by a Democrat-controlled Senate. The vote was 98-0. In retrospect, it is easy to understand why the issue of abortion was never even discussed. It was not until 1980 that the Republican Party platform called for the nomination of judges who opposed abortions. In fact, a Gallup poll the summer before the Court announced its decision in 1973 showed that more Republicans than Democrats were in favor of leaving the decision up to the woman and her doctor.

Stevens himself has been a proponent of the theory that, during his tenure, the Court has become increasingly more conservative, as ideology has played an increasing role in the nomination and confirmation process. In that same 2007 interview, Stevens remarked that "every judge who's been appointed to the court since Lewis Powell (nominated by Richard Nixon in 1971) has been more conservative than his or her predecessor. Except maybe Justice Ginsburg. That's bound to have an effect on the court."

But this still does not fully explain how Stevens has emerged as the leader of the liberal wing. Stevens provided a glimpse into that answer when he stated in a speech to the Fordham Law School in 2005 that "learning on the job is essential to the process of judging." What did he mean? Stevens' stance on the death penalty provides some understanding. In 1976, in the case of Gregg v. Georgia, Stevens voted in favor of the reinstatement of a state's right to execute criminals, holding that the use of the death penalty could be both rational and fair. But by 2008, in an opinion concurring with the majority decision in Baze v. Rees that found the state of Kentucky's method by lethal injection lawful, Stevens separately wrote that the time had come to reconsider "the justification for the death penalty itself." This thoughtful reconsideration and re-evaluation of issues over time has happened in other areas, including affirmative action which he was originally opposed to in 1978.

Stevens will be particularly remembered as the liberal voice on the Court during the last decade, especially for his majority opinions over detainee's rights at Guantanamo Bay. In 2004 in Rasul v. Bush, he wrote for the majority holding that the United States Courts have jurisdiction over prisoners being held there, and while they may not be citizens, still have a right to habeas corpus. In 2006 in Hamden v. Rumsfeld, again writing for the majority, he attacked the Executive branch stating that "the Executive is bound to comply with the Rule of Law that prevails in this jurisdiction" after the Court found that the military commission set up there was unauthorized by federal

statute and violated international law. And arguably his most famous assessment of our democracy came in his dissent in the campaign finance case decided this past January, Citizens United v. F.E.C., in which he stated "while American democracy is imperfect, few outside the majority of this court would have thought its flaws included a dearth of corporate money in politics."

As President Obama readies to appoint someone to fill Stevens' chair on the Supreme Court, the question is, what should be the criteria? Further, what should be the criteria for the confirmation process? Should ideology, which was not significant in 1975 when Stevens was appointed, be important today? Should, as some Republican commentators have urged, ideology be the litmus test?

The point to make is this: Gone are the days of a justice whose decisions were not defined by what he or she believes ideologically. Gone are the days of consensus-building in the Court. Gone are the days when a justice can essentially "learn on the job" and evolve ideology through experience. Whomever Obama selects, he or she should epitomize the same characteristics that Stevens portrayed, and it should be someone who most certainly continues to shift the Court further toward the center after it moved disturbingly further right under the Bush administration. Stevens warned of the path the Court was heading down in 2000 following its landmark decision in Bush v. Gore. After the court handed George Bush the electoral votes in Florida needed to win the election, Stevens echoed a sentiment shared by many today.

"Although we may never know with complete certainty the identity of the winner of this year's presidential election, the identity of the loser is perfectly clear. It is the nation's confidence in the judge as an impartial guardian of the rule of law."

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"It is unbecoming for young men to utter maxims."

Aristotle
Greek philosopher

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Forget injuries, never forget kindnesses."

Confucius
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A channel of pure thought

I spent the last summer away from home. The completion of the term sent me down and back up again through the country, living, for various reasons, with 11 different host families, nights beneath 11 alien roofs.

During those hot and sunny

William Stewart

Guest Columnist

months, I became acutely aware of my distance from places and people familiar. This awareness was not a shock or a burden, but an amazement at the distances to which I was now connected by virtue of the presence of my friends and acquaintances. To be honest, I liked the feeling that accompanied the knowledge that a zip code or the jurisdiction of a city no longer defined my world.

Perhaps, then, my interest in composing and mailing enveloped letters was motivated by a desire to indulge this impression of worldliness, a desire to not choose the instant gratification of emailed conversation, a desire to comprehend the distances of the people to whom I was attached, distances measured in postage marks and days between my writing and the delivery of the response.

So I wrote. Handwrote, dated, scrib-

bled, composed, signed postcards, loose-leaf, stationary, note cards, photographs. I began correspondences with friends from school, siblings and complete strangers. To one person, Jeff, with whom my only contact had been through his amateur folk rock that I heard on YouTube and MySpace, a \$20 bill and a haiku on my part yielded a heartfelt note, a hand-drawn spider on a CD of his recordings and a joke-telling dinosaur cut from purple construction paper.

Perhaps it is the mechanics of the Postal Service that fascinate me. Wrap up your thoughts in rectangle of paper, scrawl out three lines of names and numbers, smooth a colorful sticker onto the corner and, with nothing more than the action of opening and closing the mouth of an oddly-shaped, blue box, your little parcel arrives in the hands of its target. And usually in pretty good time, too. I find that purely mindbog-

Or maybe it is the wealth of historical significance that stands behind each letter that I send that truly captivates me. My father worked as a mail-carrier during his college summers and would regale me with anecdotes of trucks with steering wheels adjustable for both sides

of the car, uniform issue pith helmets, and the joy that came with spraying an overly aggressive dog. But I connect with more than just family tradition when I seal up the envelope. Each stamp I press is a shadow, a vestige of the galloping fury of American ingenuity and determination — the Pony Express. And that's just romantic.

But no, what draws me the most to compose letters is the possibility that they embody.

A good friend began work in a third-world country after her graduation last spring. True, her inability to rely on consistent internet access dictated the appropriateness of snail-mailing, but, whether it was the extreme distance (and thus time) that would burden each letter or the absolute separation that such a letter would span, something about the situation illuminated the wonderful brilliance of the line of communication established by the post.

The two of us are separated by three years, by too many faces to paint, by a lifetime again of experiences and a thousand miles. Yet, what we hold in our correspondence is an opportunity at a channel of pure thought, a conversation between two minds. Admittedly, hints at

lives, guesses at answers, but safety, certainty in the seal of the postage stamp and the knowledge that the addressed will read voraciously, and cherish and ponder, and bear the addresser through the day's labor in echoey pen strokes on foreign paper.

In our case, a letter in the mailbox represents so much more than greetings and anecdotes. It embodies a dialogue completely denuded of any boredom or moodiness or annoyance that so often can burden the communication of our thoughts between those with whom we live. In the letters, we can choose our words carefully and depict ourselves patiently, as we picture ourselves and as we wish to be perceived by those around us. It is an ideal completely impractical in the physical world, in the relationship face-to-face, but it is a happy ideal afforded by some magic held within the seal of the back flap of an envelope.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Getting to the real issues behind HEI

In response to alumnus Mark Goodman's Letter to the Editor ("Being 'anti-union' perfectly legal," April 8) I'd like to address some of his basic premises. Mr. Goodman attempts to respond to an article which states that HEI Hotels and Resorts is essentially anti-union for hiring an anti-union consultant. This is a premise that Mr. Goodman agrees with, but then makes the leap to say that the University need not concern itself with HEI because being anti-union is not inherently illegal. Mr. Goodman misses the point. Scott Malpass, the head of the Investment office, refuses to negotiate on the issue because he persists with the myth that HEI "is not anti-union in any way." Students concerned with our University's investment policy have brought up evidence time and again that HEI is anti-union, and alumni like Mr. Goodman have now corroborated that story. We do not argue that being anti-union is illegal, but that the manner that HEI goes about it is against Catholic Social Teaching and possibly the National Labor Relations Board. According to our moral character as an institution of higher learning and Catholic character, it is the role of the University to care about the protection of workers rights. According to the US Catholic Bishops, "The Church fully supports the right of workers to form unions or other associations to secure their rights to fair wages and working conditions." So long as the University keeps up the farce that HEI is not anti-union, our commitment to Catholic Social Teaching remains shallow at best.

David Rivera
 junior
 off campus
 April 12

A prayer for healing

Heavenly Father,
 In every age you restore the innocence of creation:
 In Winter you shower the dark earth with pure white snow,
 In Spring you cloak the ground in new life,
 In Summer you bath us in the warmth of Your Love,
 And in Autumn you refresh us with the breeze of your Spirit and new beginnings.

Look with pity upon Your Church, sprung from the sacred springs of Baptism,
 And restore unto Her the innocence of the virginal bride of Christ.

Send forth the cleansing rain of Your Healing Spirit upon those harmed by the actions of sinful priests, that they may have once again the joy of their inheritance as Your children.

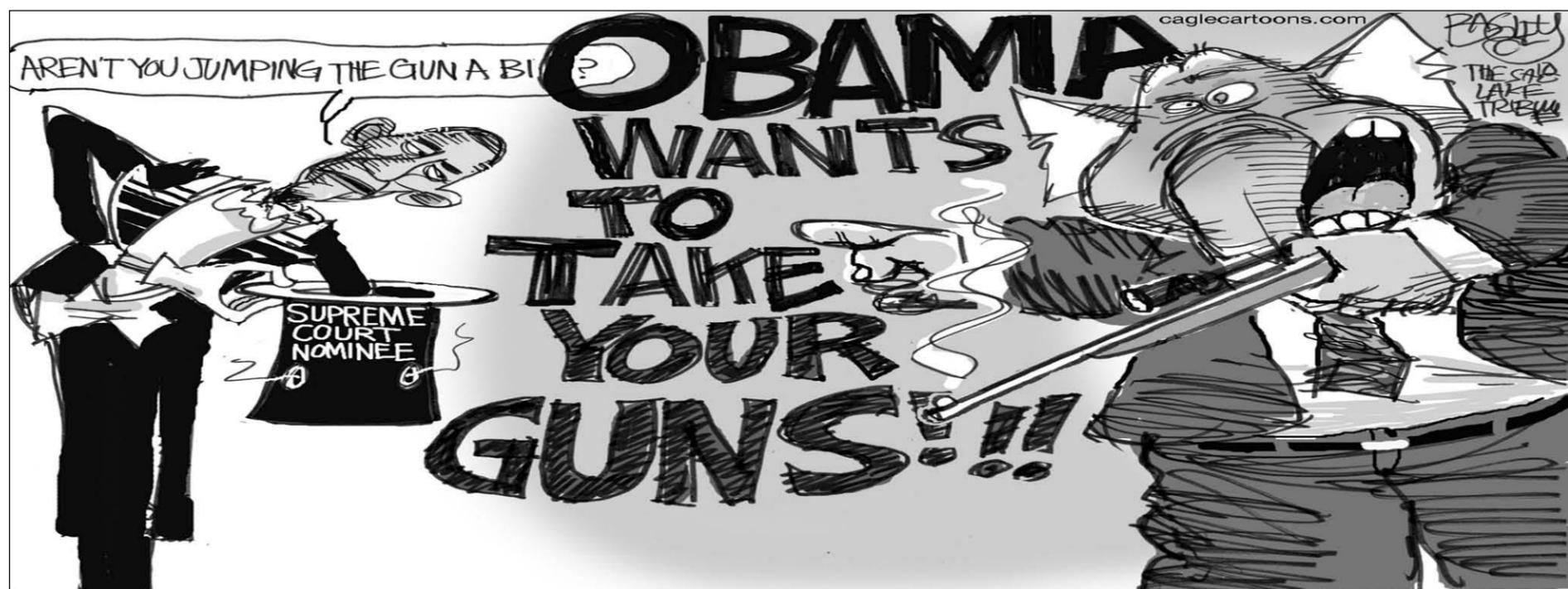
Fill with courage our Holy Father as he perseveres amidst blind hatred and false accusations. Make him a worthy and persevering shepherd to the flock You have given him.

Have mercy even on those who deserve the least mercy — those wolves in sheep's clothing who used their authority to harm Your children. Save them from the hell-fire their actions merit, and restore the dignity of the office they abused. For no soul, however wretched, is beyond Your mercy.

Restore our innocence, O Father of Heaven, as we pray in the name of your Virgin-born Son, Christ the Lord. Amen.

Todd Velianski
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 April 12

EDITORIAL CARTOON





British Comedy
comes to
ND



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From left to right, Kevin Sarlo, Ryan Belock, Clare Cooney, Clara Ritger and Shay Thornton rehearse "Blithe Spirit" in DPAC.

By MARY CLAIRE O'DONNELL
Assistant Scene Editor

It's what writer Noël Coward called a "farce in three acts." It's the story of a séance that actually went right, then went horribly wrong. It's the story of a violent love triangle. It's the comic play being put on by the Department of Film, Television and Theatre at the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center (DPAC) tonight through Sunday.

Jay Skelton, an assistant professor in the Department, is the director of this witty British comedy, "Blithe Spirit," in which novelist Charles Condomine, played by Ryan Belock, wishes to learn about the occult for his latest project. He and his wife invite friends and a quirky psychic to their home to hold a séance. Hilarity ensues when eccentric medium Madame Arcati, played by Shay Thornton, actually manages to bring Charles's first wife Elvira, played by Sloan Thacker, back from the dead. It's bad news for current wife Ruth, played by Clare Cooney, who finds herself beset by an invisible nemesis, still jealous though she no longer holds human form. The comedic journey through this world and the next is a comedy classic.

The play appeals to a broad range of audiences and promises to be an enjoyable evening for all. From its beginning in 1941, the play provoked controversy,

Coward wrote the play during the Second World War in an attempt to lighten the hearts and minds of the beleaguered Brits, but many thought he might be making fun of death at the height of the war. Objections, however, quickly fell to the wayside as the play went on to set British box-office records. Its run of 1,997 consecutive performances set a record for non-musical plays in the West End, held intact until "Boeing Boeing" in the 1970s.

The actors in this performance said they had a great time putting on the play, which helps bring extra emotion and zeal to their already marvelous performance.

Belock, who plays protagonist Charles, said he found this production one of the "most rewarding theatre experiences."

"We adopted a new vocabulary, a new accent and a new look," he said.

All of this is evident in the cast's beautiful performance, complete with zinging lines and upbeat humor.

Clara Ritger plays gossiping dinner guest Mrs. Bradman. She said she also enjoyed working with the "stellar cast" of the play, a statement echoed by Thornton, portrayal of Madame Arcati.

Ritger said she loves that Coward "poured humanity into his characters, which is not usually what you'd expect in a farce."

"You're able to laugh at the sheer absurdity of the plot and

utter truth of the situation," she said.

It's the humanity in the play that really helps to draw in the viewer, helping them relate to the characters while keeping them hooked with the comic aspect.

Director Jay Skelton was also instrumental in making this comedic masterpiece come to fruition. Over the last 18 years, Skelton has directed, written or produced more than 90 plays, musicals or operas in the Chicago, New York and Boston areas, and it is an honor to have such an esteemed thespian at Notre Dame.

Belock and the other actors had nothing but glowing compliments for Skelton, saying that he has worked incredibly hard to "fully capture the sophisticated world of this play."

We may finally be leaving winter behind us, but we could all still use some laughs in our lives this week, and the play promises to deliver quite a few hearty chuckles and more, in British accents nonetheless. So make your way to DPAC to enjoy the fantastic work that the Film, Television and Theatre department is doing. The play is at 7:30 p.m. tonight through Saturday, and Sunday at 2:30 p.m. at the Decio Mainstage. Tickets are \$15 for regular admission, \$12 for faculty, staff and seniors and \$10 for students.

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European Symphonic Metal



by Stephanie DePrez

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This week's installment features metal bands from across the pond. These bands especially feature symphonic metal touches, utilizing classical symphonic instruments to create interesting new sounds. From the Netherlands to Finland, these top tracks from Europe's top metal groups promise to provide epic, inventive music for connoisseurs and casual listeners alike.

You can find the whole playlist on The Observer Web Site at www.ndsmcobserver.edu

MUSIC
UNDER THE RADAR

European
Symphonic
Metal

By STEPHANIE DePREZ
Scene Writer

Have you ever been in a conversation with someone who has name-dropped a band and you've nodded emphatically, agreeing that said band is so good/cool/innovative, only to completely forget its name the minute you walk away?

Fear no more, because here is a list of some of the most note-worthy music out there today, with a focus on bands that are successful but that you may not have listened to yet. Did I unforgivably ignore your favorite? E-mail me and maybe I'll include it in the next list. Thanks to all the feedback I've received so far. Look for your suggestions when I write up their appropriate genres.

Under the tutelage of acts like Black Sabbath and Iron Maiden, heavy metal made its way to the mainstream in the late 70s and early 80s. Bands got louder and the music got, well, heavier. This hasn't stopped, though it has fractioned a bit. Nowadays there are so many genres of metal and so many bands that cross labels that it's often hard to find exactly what you're looking for. Most bands get thrown into the pot of "progressive metal," which doesn't really indicate anything. From thrash/speed metal to doom metal to Christian metal (oh yeah, it exists) there are literally thousands of bands screaming for your attention.

This column focuses on prominent European metal bands. Europe has become particularly well known for its symphonic metal, which refers to metal that employs classical orchestra instruments, whether they be backing up electric guitars and drums or plugged in to create a new sound. If you have any suggestions for the next installment in the metal genre, e-mail the names in.

Apocalyptica

From Finland with love. If Beethoven were alive today, he would be playing with these guys. This electric-cello-centric Metallica cover band from the 90s has morphed into the premier collaborator for anyone with metal street cred. Nowadays they release all original content, often with guest vocals by lead singers from other bands (such as those listed below). They pioneered the format of "let's plug an amp to the cello and see what happens."

Tracks to tap: "Grace," "I Don't Care"

Lacuna Coil

Italian grace meets spurned lover — and I'm not talking Puccini. Male-female

vocals arch over the most "rock" sounding group on this list. These guys are what Evanescence failed to be — a musically relevant metal catharsis. Hooks are prominent in their radio-ready songs, and indeed, much of their success has been alongside such mainstream American acts as Slayer, and the cross-pollination can be heard. (It helps that the lead female singer Cristina Scabbia is dating a member of Slipknot). Lacuna Coil survives not so much on interesting orchestration as it does providing basic metal music that is inventive enough to keep the ear of a connoisseur.

Tracks to tap: "Spellbound," "Our Truth," "Senzafine"

Nightwish

This is the great-granddaddy group of symphonic metal. Direct from Finland, this five-part, female-fronted metal royalty manage to marry pumping guitars and heavy bass lines with full orchestration (we're talking horns and violins) and soprano vocals. With lyrics that are as ethereal as they are operatic, this band has earned its spot as the golden standard of successful European metal.

Dashing fearlessly from an orchestral interlude into a speedy guitar solo (often layered on top of the classical instruments), this is the most "epic" music you will find on iTunes. If the Fellowship of the Ring were a band, they would be Nightwish.

Tracks to tap: "Amaranth," "Nemo," "Ghost Love Score," "Bye Bye Beautiful"

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Within Temptation

Another European super-group, this female-fronted band from the Netherlands has a massive world following. These guys don't just do metal and orchestra, but often like to throw a choir in the background (just check out their 2008 live album "Black Symphony," which features electric guitar, bass, drums, and ... a choir and 60-piece orchestra). The usual themes of lost love and unrequited passion are present in nearly every song, but Within Temptation maintains a sound that is so accessible one might even call them the "pop group" of the symphonic metal scene. If you fear the word "metal" for thoughts of silver spikes and over-extended tongues, let the corset-wearing soprano of Sharon den Adel change your mind. Plebes, start here.

Tracks to tap: "Angels," "Stand My Ground," "The Howling"

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MLB

Phillies take easy win over Nationals in opener

First-time Cub Xavier Nady pleases new owner with three-run homer; Rangers upset Indians on the road

Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — Placido Polanco hit a go-ahead single, Chase Utley had a two-run homer and the Philadelphia Phillies overcame an early deficit to beat the Washington Nationals 7-4 in their home opener Monday.

The two-time defending NL champions are off to a 6-1 start, their best since opening the 1993 pennant-winning season 7-1.

Cole Hamels (2-0) earned the win despite another so-so effort. He allowed four runs and six hits in 5 2-3 innings. The lanky left-hander is trying to bounce back following an inconsistent year after a dominant postseason in 2008.

Playing without Jimmy Rollins, a late scratch after straining his right calf, the Phillies continued their torrid hitting. They're averaging 7.1 runs and 11 hits per game.

The Phillies celebrated the franchise's seventh pennant during a pregame ceremony, then won their first home opener since 2005.

Led by the Phanatic, their furry green mascot, players entered the field from Ashburn Alley behind the stands in left-center field and walked through the crowd and onto a red carpet that stretched from the warning track to the infield.

Manager Charlie Manuel raised the 2009 NL championship flag on the concourse behind the brick batter's eye. Players were introduced to rousing ovations and the U.S. Navy parachute team delivered the first balls.

Josh Willingham hit a solo homer and losing pitcher Jason Marquis had a two-run double for the Nationals.

Rollins, the three-time All-Star shortstop and 2007 NL MVP, got hurt while running in the outfield during pregame warmups. He had already been introduced in the starting lineup.

All-Star right fielder Jayson Werth left in the sixth because of soreness in his left hip. There was no immediate word on the extent of the injuries to both players.

Marquis (0-2) allowed seven runs — six earned — and six hits in 4 1-3 innings. The right-hander, who signed a \$15 million, two-year contract with Washington as a free agent, was an All-Star with Colorado last season.

The Phillies came back from a 4-0 margin by scoring twice in

the fourth and chased Marquis with five in the fifth. Carlos Ruiz started the fifth with a single. Hamels tried to sacrifice and reached safely when catcher Ivan Rodriguez's throw to second bounced into center field for an error.

Juan Castro, filling in for Rollins, hit an RBI double to deep left-center. Polanco followed with a two-run single to right-center to put the Phillies ahead 5-4. Utley hit a two-run shot off the foul pole in right to make it 7-4.

Chad Durbin, Jose Contreras, Danys Baez and Ryan Madson combined for 3 1-3 innings of scoreless relief for Philadelphia. Madson earned his second save in as many tries.

Willingham homered leading off the second. Washington added three runs with two outs in the fourth. Hamels nearly escaped trouble after giving up a single to Cristian Guzman and nicking Adam Dunn's jersey with a pitch. He struck out Willingham on a 3-2 pitch, painting the outside corner with a 92 mph fastball. Hamels blew a fastball past Ian Desmond for the second out, but Rodriguez followed with an RBI single to make it 2-0.

After Adam Kennedy walked to load the bases, Marquis lined a two-run double out of the reach of leaping third baseman Polanco.

The Phillies answered with two in the bottom half. Polanco hit a one-out single, Utley walked and Ryan Howard hit an RBI single.

Nationals manager Jim Riggleman went out to talk to Marquis and was ejected by plate umpire Paul Schrieber, who went to the mound to speed up the conversation. Werth drove in a run with a grounder to third to cut it to 4-2.

Hamels helped the Phillies win their second World Series title in '08 and earned MVP honors in the NLCS and World Series. But he struggled to match that success last year, going 10-11 in the regular season and 1-2 in the postseason.

Cubs 9, Brewers 5

Xavier Nady, Jeff Baker and Aramis Ramirez homered Monday as the Chicago Cubs put on a power display for new owner Tom Ricketts and beat the Milwaukee Brewers in their home opener.

Ricketts, the longtime fan whose family took over the team in October, joined his two brothers and sister to sing "Take Me Out to the Ball Game" during

the seventh-inning stretch.

A crowd of 41,306 turned out at Wrigley Field on a 58-degree afternoon and watched the Cubs rush to an 8-1 lead.

"We've been to a handful of pretty cold opening days, but this opening day is going to be the one I'll remember forever," Ricketts said.

Nady, playing his first home game for the Cubs, hit a three-run homer in the third after singles by Marlon Byrd and Derrek Lee. Alfonso Soriano then singled and Baker cleared the left-field bleachers for a 5-0 lead against Doug Davis (0-1).

Ramirez hit a two-run shot off Claudio Vargas in the fourth, giving Ryan Dempster (1-0) a big cushion.

Dempster allowed seven hits and five runs in 6 1-3 innings and ran his career record against the Brewers to 12-3.

Ryan Braun hit a three-run homer and an RBI single for the Brewers.

With Milwaukee trailing 5-0, Corey Hart hit an RBI single in the fourth. A potential rally fizzled when Gregg Zaun, now 0 for 18 this season, bounced into a double play.

Lee hit an RBI single with two outs and Ramirez followed with his second homer of the year.

Braun's two-out homer in the fifth got the Brewers within 8-4. Byrd had an RBI double in the bottom half, set up by shortstop Alcides Escobar's error. Byrd, also making his first appearance with the Cubs at Wrigley, had three hits.

Rangers 4, Indians 2

Nelson Cruz hit his fifth home run of the season, connecting in the 10th inning and sending the Texas Rangers to a win over Cleveland on Monday, spoiling the Indians' sold-out opener and manager Manny Acta's home debut.

Cruz's two-run drive came with one out against Jamey Wright (0-1).

Cruz leads the AL in home runs. His line shot onto the pedestrian home-run porch at Progressive Field wrecked an otherwise pleasant day for Cleveland fans, who have to be concerned about the club's shaky bullpen.

Frank Francisco (2-2), who lost his job as Texas' closer on Sunday, pitched a perfect ninth. Neftali Feliz, Francisco's temporary replacement, earned his third career save throwing fastballs at nearly 100 mph.

Shin-Soo Choo homered for the Indians, who lost four in a row.



Phillies' Chase Utley circles the bases after his home run in the fifth inning of their win against the Nationals Monday.

One day after blowing a two-run lead in the ninth in a loss at Detroit, Cleveland's fill-in closer Chris Perez loaded the bases in the ninth without getting an out.

He threw three straight balls before giving up a double to Joaquin Arias. Taylor Teagarden followed with a bunt that Perez fielded cleanly, but the right-hander's throw to third was high and not in time to get Arias. Perez then walked Elvis Andrus and was pulled by Acta.

Tony Sipp got pinch-hitter Ryan Garko to pop out before Acta, forced to mix and match with closer Kerry Wood on the disabled list with a sore back, brought in Wright to face Michael Young. On the first pitch, Young bounced into a double play, ending the threat.

Wright wasn't so fortunate in the 10th as Cruz helped the Rangers improve to 2-9 in road openers since 2000.

Texas is 9-1 against Cleveland the past two seasons.

While his relievers may give Acta some early-season heartburn, manager Ron Washington must feel better about his bullpen staff. The Indians put the go-ahead run in scoring position with one out in the eighth but Darren Oliver struck out Travis Hafner and Jhonny Peralta to keep it tied 2-2.

Texas starter Rich Harden, who signed a one-year, \$7.5 million free agent contract with the Rangers in December, allowed two runs and five hits in six innings.

Cleveland's Fausto Carmona had his second straight

respectable start, allowing two runs and five hits in eight innings.

The Indians didn't have center fielder Grady Sizemore, who missed his second straight game with tightness in his back. Sizemore's injury is not believed to be serious, but his absence from the lineup is noteworthy because the three-time All-Star once played in 382 straight games.

It was actually the Indians' third opener in eight days. They opened in Chicago last week and played in Detroit's first home game on Friday.

"We lead the league in home openers," Acta joked before the game.

They went 0-3 in them.

Texas took a 2-1 lead in the fifth on Young's two-out RBI single and Carmona's wild pitch.

Cleveland tied it in the sixth off Harden on Hafner's sacrifice fly. The Rangers kept it tied when center fielder Julio Borbon threw out Hafner trying to score from second on Matt LaPorta's single. Hafner barreled into Teagarden, but the catcher held onto the ball.

Choo gave the Indians a 1-0 lead in the first with his second homer, a shot to right that brought Cleveland fans out of their seats for the first time this season. The homer also induced a chorus of "Chooooos" for the right fielder. However, two innings later, the home crowd wasn't so happy with Choo. He apparently forgot there was only one out and got doubled off first when he took off on Hafner's routine fly to left.

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PERSONAL

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Some people never learn until they get kicked out. Karma always finds you.

"You can't ask for what you want unless you know what it is. A lot of people don't know what they want or they want much less than they deserve. First you have figure out what you want. Second, you have to decide that you deserve it. Third, you have to believe you can get it. And, fourth, you have to have the guts to ask for it." -Barbara De Angelis

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3 Arizona State	1
4 Texas	6
5 Georgia Tech	2
6 Florida State	7
7 Florida	8
8 LSU	5
9 Arkansas	10
10 South Carolina	11
11 TCU	12
12 Coastal Caro.	13
13 Louisville	9
14 Mississippi	15
15 Miami (Fla.)	14
16 Oklahoma	19
17 Clemson	16
18 Oregon State	17
19 Western Ky.	21
20 Virginia Tech	25
21 California	NR
22 Cal St. Fullerton	NR
23 Auburn	NR
24 Arizona	NR
25 Connecticut	NR

Women's Division I Softball ESPN.com/USA Softball Poll

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3 Michigan	3
4 UCLA	5
5 Florida	9
6 Georgia Tech	7
7 Alabama	6
8 Missouri	4
9 Stanford	11
10 Arizona State	10
11 Oklahoma State	15
12 Georgia	8
13 Oklahoma	13
14 LSU	12
15 California	14
16 Florida State	16
17 Texas	17
18 Tennessee (W)	19
19 Illinois	20
20 Texas A&M	18
21 Oregon	21
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Women's Division I Lacrosse Big East Standings

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1 NOTRE DAME	8-0
2 Louisville	4-2
3 DePaul	4-2
4 Syracuse	5-3
5 Georgetown	5-4
6 Pittsburgh	4-4
7 USF	3-3
8 Connecticut	4-5
9 St. John's	3-5
10 Providence	3-5

NFL



Former 2009 Super Bowl MVP and Pittsburgh Steelers' wideout Santonio Holmes scores a touchdown against the Miami Dolphins in a Jan. 3 game in Miami. Holmes was traded to the New York Jets and suspended for the first four games.

Jets' Holmes suspended for first four games

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Newly acquired Jets wide receiver Santonio Holmes was suspended Monday without pay by the NFL for the first four regular-season games for violating the league's substance abuse policy.

The league announced the suspension a day after the Jets acquired the talented but troubled Holmes from the Pittsburgh Steelers for a fifth-round pick in this month's draft.

"We understood that was part of it, but we just felt like even with that, it was worth it," general manager Mike Tannenbaum said. "Obviously, a guy with his production and at 26 years

old, he would not have been available if these indiscretions didn't happen and obviously the suspension. But, with that said, we just felt like the risk and the price was reasonable for us."

Holmes, the 2009 Super Bowl MVP, is eligible to participate in the team's off-season program and in all pre-season practices and games. He would be suspended for an entire season if he violates the league's policy again.

"Obviously, there's been some bumps in the road in the past and hopefully he's learned from that," Tannenbaum said. "We understand that there's risks, significant risks. ... We understand that there have obviously been some significant

issues in the past and we're going to move forward together."

Tannenbaum said conversations with Pittsburgh about a possible deal started late Saturday night, and into early Sunday morning. He added that coach Rex Ryan was excited about the opportunity to acquire a player who "Rex will tell you cost him a Super Bowl ring" while Ryan was an assistant at Baltimore.

Holmes is coming off his best season, with 79 catches for 1,248 yards and five touchdowns. But he is also facing a lawsuit in Florida from a woman who claims he threw a glass at her, cutting her above the eye, in an Orlando nightclub. A witness has since taken responsibility,

according to Holmes' lawyer.

The Jets appeared unfazed by the off-field issues, adding a game-breaking player to an offense that already included second-year quarterback Mark Sanchez, wide receivers Braylon Edwards and Jericho Cotchery, tight end Dustin Keller, running backs Shonn Greene, Leon Washington and the recently signed LaDainian Tomlinson.

"He's known by members of the team," owner Woody Johnson said of Holmes at a news conference in Cortland, N.Y., to announce the Jets' training camp plans. "Everybody has a lot of respect for him. He's tough. He's a clutch receiver. I don't think pressure gets to him in a game."

IN BRIEF

Bulls take a one-game lead for 8th spot in the East

TORONTO — A message in the Chicago locker room read: "How bad do we want it?" The way Joakim Noah played, it was easy to tell.

Derrick Rose scored 26 points, Noah had 18 points, 19 rebounds and matched a career-high with seven assists and the Bulls beat Toronto 104-88 on Sunday night to take a one-game lead over the Raptors for the final Eastern Conference playoff spot.

"I knew it was a really important game, I was really focused," Noah said. "I just wanted to go out there and impose my will as much as I could, just be aggressive offensively and defensively. It was a huge win and I just wanted to make sure that our team played harder than their team."

Luol Deng scored 14 points, Taj Gibson had 11 and Ronald Murray and Hakim Warrick each scored 10 points for the Bulls, who led by 25 points.

Wisconsin cuts ties with Nike because of factory concerns

MADISON — The University of Wisconsin is cutting ties with Nike because the company has failed to address its concerns related to the closing of two factories in Honduras.

Chancellor Biddy Martin said Friday the shoemaker has not developed "meaningful ways of addressing the plight of displaced workers and their families in Honduras" or plans to address similar situations in the future.

Workers at two factories that were under contract to produce Nike apparel have not received severance after they were abruptly closed in January 2009.

Nike did not own the factories, but the university's code of conduct makes companies licensed to use its logos responsible for the actions of subcontractors.

The Nike deal generated \$49,000 in royalties for the university last year.

Watson receives exemption to play in the U.S. Open

FAR HILLS, N.J. — Tom Watson received a special exemption Monday to play in the U.S. Open at Pebble Beach, where he won his only U.S. Open in 1982 with a memorable chip-in to beat Jack Nicklaus.

The exemption was announced a day after the 60-year-old Watson turned in another impressive performance at a major, tying for 18th at the Masters. In his previous major, he lost in a playoff to Stewart Cink in the British Open at Turnberry.

The U.S. Open returns for the fifth time to Pebble Beach on June 17-20. It was last played there in 2000, when Tiger Woods was the only player to finish under par and won by a record 15 shots.

Watson will be the only player to have competed in every U.S. Open at Pebble Beach, dating to the first one in 1972.

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NFL

Chiefs sign Jones as new addition

Associated Press

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — If Thomas Jones is worried about sharing the ball with Jamaal Charles, he's not saying.

The newest addition to a suddenly crowded Kansas City backfield insisted Monday that personal numbers are not uppermost in his mind.

"I signed here to help the team win," said Jones, who agreed to a two-year, \$5 million free agent contract last month.

"If I get five carries, I get five carries. If I get 25 carries, I get 25 carries," he said. "All I can do at this point is prepare for the season like I've always done. That's how I've been all my career."

With the New York Jets last year, Jones got 331 carries in the regular season and wound up, counting the post-season, with 14 touchdowns and a career-best 1,402 yards. He was a key component in the Jets making it all the way to the AFC championship game.

But soon to be 32, he's almost nine years older than Charles, a blazing fast running back who burst into stardom in Kansas City last year after replacing the troubled Larry Johnson.

With just 10 starts and 190 carries, Charles piled up 1,120 yards rushing, including a team-record 249 yards in the season finale at Denver. He became the first player in NFL history to rush for more than 1,100 yards on fewer than 200 carries and also had a long kickoff return for a TD.

At 5-foot-11, 190, Charles may have trouble absorbing a season-long pounding. Jones, an inch shorter but more than 20 pounds heavier, may be an effective tool in keeping the younger, faster man healthy and fresh.

If so, it's a role that Jones says he would accept.

"I think going through a 16-game season you need two or three running backs," he said. "It's a physical game. Especially if you have two change-of-pace guys with different running styles, it makes it harder for the defense to adjust. It makes it tougher for them to prepare for you all week."

Over the last eight games of the Chiefs' 4-12 season, Charles rolled up 968 yards rushing, second only to the 1,047 yards of Tennessee's Chris Johnson.

His emergence was hailed by Todd Haley as the greatest single development in his first year as head coach. Presumably, the Chiefs will go into camp figuring Charles as their first option.

"I think he's a great back," said Jones. "He's got great quickness, great speed, great balance. He's tough. And he's got a lot of heart."

It's the first time in franchise history the Chiefs will open camp with two running backs coming off 1,000-yard seasons. Jones said he's not worried about whatever role the Chiefs might have in mind for him.

"I've always been a team guy," he said. "For me, the more good players you have the better your chance of winning. There is no perfect number of carries. It's what you do with the numbers you have."

Jones will no doubt be asked to provide locker room leadership. Where Charles is quiet and sticks to himself, Jones was twice voted by the Jets players as their most inspirational teammate.

"It's about a team coming together," Jones said. "You can have a lot of good players on a team but if there's no chemistry, in those close games you're not going to be able to come together and find a way to win."

PGA

Woods gets support, but no jacket

Associated Press

AUGUSTA, Ga. — Except for watching Phil Mickelson slip into another green jacket, Tiger Woods should have few complaints about his week at the Masters.

He tied a tournament record by making four eagles. He was never out of the top 10 from the opening round. He had his best 72-hole score at Augusta National in five years.

None of that might have been possible without a spontaneous and warm reception on the first tee Thursday.

Woods might have looked like the same player, but he wasn't the same person. The fans who came to watch his golf could not ignore the sordid lifestyle that kept him away from the game in the first place.

That's why the cheers were so important.

They put him at ease from the start, and he felt more comfortable as the week went on, even as his swing got worse.

"Overall, it was a good week," Woods said Sunday after he tied for fourth.

The next step?

Woods didn't say when he would play again. He said he needed to "take a little time off and kind of re-evaluate things." If he sticks to a normal schedule, Woods could show up at Quail Hollow or The Players Championship or even the Memorial. Those are the three places he typically plays before the U.S. Open at Pebble Beach.

Just don't get the idea the next step will be forward.

All of those tournaments, or any others he chooses to play this year, will be everything Augusta National is not.

They will be public golf tournaments, with fans who won't worry about losing their season badges. What he hears from the crowd sitting around the island green on the 17th hole at the TPC Sawgrass might be a little different from what he heard in Amen Corner.

And the scrutiny will not stop.

Woods set himself up for failure when he pledged to tone down his temper — the celebrations and the cursing. He caused quite the stir in the opening round when he flung his iron to the ground after an errant shot to the 14th. A year ago, no one would have noticed. Now, it was proof that Woods hadn't changed a lick.

He seemed to reach a boiling point when CBS Sports analyst Peter Kostis asked him about controlling his emotion without eliminating it.

"I think people are making way too much of a big deal of this thing," Woods said. "I was not feeling good. I hit a big snipe off the first hole, and I don't know how people can think I should be happy about that. I hit a wedge from 45 yards and basically bladed it over the green. These are not things I normally do. So I'm not going to be smiling, and not going to be happy."

There is some truth to that. Woods at least showed some signs of improvement with his temper, and he was more engaging with the fans over

four days than he had been over the last 14 years.

Then came two words that got him into more hot water — Ben Hogan. While talking about how he could produce good scores after not competing in five months, Woods spoke about the intensity of his practice sessions.

"It's very similar to what Hogan went through coming off the accident," Woods said. "Just couldn't play that much, and when you can't play, you have to concentrate on your practice."

Woods was talking only about preparations for a tournament, but he was panned for even comparing himself with Hogan because the two accidents were nothing alike. Hogan's car crashed into a bus, and he threw himself across the passenger seat to save his wife. Woods' SUV ran over a fire hydrant and into a tree, and his wife saved him — at least that's what he said.

This is the kind of inspection every answer, every act is going to get — maybe for the rest of the year. First comes the next PGA Tour event he plays with fewer restrictions on the gallery. Then comes the next major, where the volume is cranked up, and the U.S. Open is about as public as it gets. St. Andrews is a home game for the British tabloids, and there might be a trip to the Ryder Cup in Wales, which is rancorous even in good times.

This could be a long year. The Masters might have looked like a start, but for Woods, it was more like spring training.



Running back Thomas Jones carries the ball during the AFC Championship against the Colts with the Jets Jan. 24.

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ATP

Ferraro has no problem at Masters

Associated Press

MONACO — Two-time champion Juan Carlos Ferrero of Spain easily defeated countryman Marcel Granollers 6-0, 6-3 on Monday in the first round of the Monte Carlo Masters.

The ninth-seeded Ferrero, who was the Monte Carlo champion in 2002 and '03, broke serve five times overall and saved the only break point he faced. Ferrero will face Germany's Benjamin Becker in the second round.

Tenth-seeded Tomas Berdych of the Czech Republic dropped his serve before defeating Spain's Feliciano Lopez 6-3, 6-1. Berdych will face France's Richard Gasquet, who beat qualifier Daniel Gimeno-Traver of Spain 6-2, 4-6, 6-2, one week after losing to Andy Roddick in the final of the Sony Ericsson Open.

No. 11 David Ferrer of Spain and No. 14 Juan Monaco of Argentina also progressed to the second round. Ferrer won 6-2, 6-4 against Peter Luczak of Australia, while Monaco beat Finland's Jarkko Nieminen 7-5, 7-5 after breaking his opponent for the sixth time to seal victory.

David Nalbandian of Argentina served eight aces to defeat Andreas Beck of Germany 6-3, 6-1, while Germany's Philipp Kohlschreiber labored to beat Thomaz Bellucci of Brazil 2-6, 6-3, 7-6 (3) in a tense match where both players dropped serve six times.

Kohlschreiber will play third-seeded Andy Murray on Wednesday.

"He's talented. He's given the top guys a lot of good matches over the last couple of years," Murray said. "Very good clay-



Juan Carlos Ferrero returns the ball to fellow Spaniard Marcel Granollers during their match of the Monte Carlo Masters Monday.

court player, and I need to play well to beat him."

In other matches, Latvia's Ernests Gulbis beat Marco Chiudinelli 6-3, 6-2; Andrey Golubev of Kazakhstan beat Jeremy Chardy 6-2, 7-6 (2); Spain's Nicolas Almagro defeated Simon Greul 3-6, 7-5, 6-2; Julien Benneteau of France beat Oleksandr Dolgoplov Jr. 6-4, 5-7, 6-2; and Germany's Philipp Petzschner won 6-3, 2-6, 6-2 against Guillermo Garcia-Lopez.

Five-time defending champion Rafael Nadal plays Eduardo Schwank or Thiemo de Bakker in the second round Wednesday. The third-ranked Nadal, seeded

second at Monte Carlo behind No. 2-ranked Novak Djokovic of Serbia, is seeking his first title this year.

"If I don't have a good result here, in Rome or Madrid, my chances (at) Roland Garros or Wimbledon will be less," Nadal said Monday. "I never felt I am invincible on one surface, even on clay."

Nadal has won 27 straight matches at Monte Carlo, beating Djokovic in last year's final, and enters the tournament having lost semifinals to Roddick and Ivan Ljubicic on hard courts at the Sony Ericsson Open and the BNP Paribas Open.

NHL

Lightning owner Vinik takes charge

Associated Press

TAMPA, Fla. — The Tampa Bay Lightning are starting over yet again.

New owner Jeff Vinik cleaned house Monday, firing coach Rick Tocchet and general manager Brian Lawton after the struggling franchise missed the playoffs for the third straight season.

It's the club's third coaching change in two years.

The Lightning went 34-36-12 this season and are 53-69-26 since Tocchet replaced Barry Melrose in November 2008.

Lawton's dismissal was not a surprise, either. Many of his personnel decisions and free agent signings backfired, he and Tocchet bickered at times, and the GM's two-year contract was due to expire in June.

"On the hockey side of things, I thought it was very important to have a fresh start. Nothing negative about Rick Tocchet or Brian Lawton," said Vinik, whose purchase of the team was approved by the NHL Board of Governors in March.

Vinik is conducting a search for a chief executive officer and hopes to fill the position within two months. The CEO will select Lawton's replacement, and the new GM will have the responsibility of hiring the coach.

Vinik, who purchased the team from a group that owned the Lightning less than two years, said he's seeking stability after watching the club climb into playoff contention in early February, only to fade rapidly after the Olympic break.

"I saw a lot of talent on the ice. I saw the makings of a great team. I saw an organization that can achieve a lot of great things in the years ahead," Vinik said. "The moves I've done today, hopefully are to help us move as quickly as possible in that direction."

Tocchet became interim coach 16 games into the 2008-09 season and was given the head coach position in May 2009. Lawton assumed the general manager post on Oct.

22, 2008.

Since winning the 2004 Stanley Cup championship, Tampa Bay has not advanced beyond the first round of the playoffs.

"Where we've finished the last two or three years is depressing," forward Martin St. Louis said. He added that while no one could be certain Vinik would quickly fire Tocchet and Lawton, players sensed change was inevitable.

"Stability is always nice. I think it gives you a chance to grow. But obviously the results we've had the last three years, there's changes going to be made," St. Louis said. "It's part of the business. You're judged on results. I feel bad for Toc. I wish we could have gotten better results for him."

Vinik declined to identify who the Lightning might be targeting as replacements. The Boston financier also wouldn't speculate on whether the team's highest-paid player, captain Vincent Lecavalier, will be with Tampa Bay next season.

Lecavalier, who has a no-trade clause in his contract, said he'd like to return and help the club get back to the playoffs.

"We were in a great position to make it, and we didn't," Lecavalier said. "Nothing you can do now. It's over. You start fresh next year. That's what we'll do."

The biggest bright spot of the season was the development of emerging star Steven Stamkos. The top pick in the 2008 NHL draft scored his 51st goal in Sunday night's season finale at Florida and will share the Rocket Richard Trophy with Pittsburgh's Sidney Crosby.

"It's a pretty special time for me individually. Obviously, you'd much rather be in the playoffs. But it's nice to get the 50th goal, and it's icing on the cake to win the Richard," the 20-year-old Stamkos said.

"To be tied with Crosby is pretty special. I never would have dreamt this day would come so early in my career. At the same time, all the hard work in paying off."



New Tampa Bay owner Jeff Vinik speaks to the press Monday after firing Coach Rick Tocchet and manager Brian Lawton.

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NHL

Stanley Cup road begins

Associated Press

To borrow an NHL slogan from seasons past, the biggest question heading into this year's postseason can be simply summed up as: Is this the year?

Is this the year the Detroit Red Wings and the defending champion Pittsburgh Penguins give other teams a chance to play for the Stanley Cup?

If so, will the San Jose Sharks finally step up in the Western Conference and live up to their lofty regular-season marks and shake their underachieving reputation? If not, will the upstart Chicago Blackhawks or surprising Phoenix Coyotes unseat the Red Wings, who won the Cup in 2008 against the Penguins and then fell in seven games a year ago in the rematch.

The answers will begin to unfold Wednesday night when the 16-team Stanley Cup tournament gets under way with four games. Three other series will start Thursday, and the Central Division-champion Blackhawks will host the Nashville Predators on Friday in Game 1 of that Western matchup.

San Jose finished first in the West last year and was knocked out in the first round by No. 8 Anaheim. The Sharks (51-20-11) finished on top again with 113 points and will try to advance against Colorado, back in the playoffs after a one-year absence.

"I don't think we can look at any numbers because for the past so many years we supposedly have been better than anybody in the league and we came short," goalie Evgeni Nabokov said. "All the numbers, all the talk does not really matter. We have to come out and win the hockey games. That's the only way we can get away from all those talks."

If the Sharks do get past the Avalanche, they could face Detroit in the second round.

"You've got to catch fire," Red Wings coach Mike Babcock said of the recipe for success. "Sometimes you're not great in the early rounds, but you've got to catch fire. There's got to be a belief system, and you need role players to step up and your best players to be good."

"It's a great, great trophy. It's the summer of your life when you get to touch that thing and get your name put on that thing and share it with your family. It's a prize worth chasing. It's hard to win, which makes it so special."

The Red Wings will face the Coyotes in the first round. Phoenix hasn't been in the playoffs since 2002, joining the Los Angeles Kings for the longest gap between appearances for this year's qualifiers. The No. 6 Kings will meet the No. 3 Vancouver Canucks, who won the Northwest Division.

The Penguins should face serious challenges out East as they begin their quest for a third straight trip to the finals. The most obvious threat to fourth-seeded Pittsburgh on paper appears to be the Presidents' Trophy-winning Washington Capitals,



Fans cheer at Game 4 of the Stanley Cup Finals between the Pittsburgh Penguins and the Detroit Red Wings on June 4, 2009.

who posted an NHL-best 121 points.

Pittsburgh entered the final weekend of the regular season with a chance to win the Atlantic Division and the No. 2 seed, but a loss to also-ran Atlanta on Saturday ruined those hopes. Now the Penguins are assured of home-ice advantage in only the first round against the Ottawa Senators.

"We just know what is expected of each other," said Penguins captain Sidney Crosby, who scored a career-high 51 goals this season. "Everyone gets a pretty good idea when you go through that many games and adversity and all those things together. The expectations are high within this room, and having that familiarity with what we need to do is important."

Don't write off the Penguins just yet. Pittsburgh was the No. 4 seed in 2009 and took out No. 2 Washington in the second round.

"I'm certainly not looking forward to playing them," Capitals coach Bruce Boudreau said. "I hope they lose in the first round. If we have to play them, we have to play them. I think the road has to go through them. They're the champions. No reason to think they can't do it again. They got the same cast of characters."

Capitals captain Alex Ovechkin ceded his hold on the Maurice Richard Trophy, given each season to the NHL's top goal scorer, after a two-year reign. Ovechkin, the league MVP the past two seasons, finished one goal behind Crosby and Tampa Bay youngster Steven Stamkos.

Ovechkin trails Crosby in several areas, most importantly in the championship department. In the past 12 months, Crosby has captured the Stanley Cup and an Olympic gold medal — two things that have eluded the Russian star.

"I think he's like any other player, he gets excited for the playoffs and will ramp it up a little bit," Boudreau said of Ovechkin.

With a loaded offensive lineup that includes high-flying forwards Nicklas Backstrom and Alexander Semin, and top-scoring defenseman Mike Green, Washington is primed to make a long run. The Capitals' path starts Thursday against the No. 8 Montreal Canadiens, who didn't secure a playoff spot until Saturday.

The final three places in the East weren't decided until the last two days of the season. The Boston Bruins, last year's top-seeded team, nabbed sixth place on Saturday and earned a first-round meeting with the Northeast Division-winning Buffalo Sabres.

The No. 7 Philadelphia needed even more time — a shootout win on Sunday over the New York Rangers in win or go home game. The Flyers jumped over Montreal with that victory and into a first-round matchup with the second-seeded New Jersey Devils, who edged the Penguins for the Atlantic title.

The Devils are in the playoffs for the 13th straight season, the second-longest current streak in the league to Detroit's 19 consecutive appearances.

Philadelphia played poorly down the stretch and nearly missed the playoffs after being considered an early Stanley Cup contender. The Flyers should carry confidence and momentum into the series with the Devils, a team they beat in five of six meetings this season.

"We're going to have to pay attention and look at the tapes to see how they gave us such a tough time," Devils goalie Martin Brodeur said.

A loss to Buffalo on Sunday would have dropped New Jersey to the No. 3 seed and into a first-round matchup with Boston. The Devils went 3-0-1 against the Bruins.

"As you can tell, we don't pick the teams," said New Jersey's Jacques Lemaire, the most experienced and winningest postseason coach in this year's playoffs. "It's going to be a battle because we struggled against (the Flyers) all year."

TENNIS

Injuries keep stars out of competition

Associated Press

CHARLESTON, S.C. — Aleksandra Wozniak and Alona Bondarenko both won in straight sets Monday at the Family Circle Cup, which is missing its typical star power because of injuries to several high-profile players.

The top eight seeds had the opening day off in the green clay-court tournament, where three of the world's top 30 players had pulled out. Top-ranked Serena Williams is recovering from a knee injury, defending champion Sabine Lisicki has a bum ankle, and three-time Grand Slam winner Maria Sharapova is still recovering from an elbow injury.

Top seed Caroline Wozniacki, who drove 4 hours to Charleston immediately after winning the MPS Group Championships in Florida on Sunday, said this year's field is still tough.

"It's been a great week," she said. "I'm a little tired, but after last week, it was worth it (to make the trip to South Carolina)."

Last year, Wozniacki made the finals in Charleston as the No. 5 seed and was ranked 12th in the world. Now she's up to No. 2

in the world rankings and the top seed in a tournament for just the third time in her career.

"I'm not feeling any pressure. It's important you concentrate on what you're doing," she said Monday. "You just have to hit the yellow ball."

On the other side of the draw, No. 2 seed Jelena Jankovic is getting ready for her first clay-court event since last year's French Open. She skipped Charleston last year.

"I've done a lot of sliding to

get ready to play on clay. I feel ready. I feel motivated and I'm healthy," said Jankovic, who won the Family Circle Cup in 2007, and along with 2006 winner Nadia Petrova are the only two former champions in the field.

The tournament began slowly Monday with just two seeded players taking the court.

The 12th-seeded Wozniak fended off six set points in the second-set tiebreaker during her 6-3, 7-6 (9) win over Osterloh, an unseeded American.

Wozniak took the first set 6-3 and was leading 4-1 with two breaks in the second set, before Osterloh broke in two of the Canadian's next three service games. She fought off five match points on her serve, then two more match points in the next game to win back her second break.

The two headed into the tiebreaker, where Osterloh took a 6-3 lead, but she couldn't close out the set.

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Caroline Wozniacki
tennis player

Wozniak came back with three straight points and the two traded winners until Wozniak won the last three points of the match on

long rallies.

Ninth-seeded Bondarenko of the Ukraine had an easier time advancing to the next round, beating unseeded American Julie Ditty 6-4, 6-2.

Bondarenko had her serve broken only once. It came in the first set after she broke Ditty, and Bondarenko responded by winning the break back without losing a point in the next game.

Bondarenko lost only three points in the final three games of the match, sealing the win with a 98 mph ace.

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SMC TENNIS

Belles gain experience in loss to No. 3 Chicago

By MATT ROBISON
Sports Writer

No. 3 Chicago demonstrated why its one of the top teams in the country by blanking the Belles, 9-0, in non-conference play Monday.

Despite satisfactory performances in the doubles competition, the Saint Mary's (8-5, 2-1) was simply overmatched on the court, Belles coach Dale Campbell said.

"[Chicago was] just playing at a really high level," Campbell said. "Their back-court hurt us with strong, aggressive ground strokes."

Coming into the matchup with Saint Mary's, the Maroons had won six straight, their longest streak of the season.

What the Belles may have lacked in talent and expertise, they made up for in grit, Campbell said.

"We fought hard," he said. "We played well in doubles. We're working more on the offensive game we're trying to play."

In a season that is a gradual progression that culminates in the conference tournament, it is important to continually improve

each and every match. The Belles will look at this match as a learning experience, a chance to identify what their weaknesses are in order to enhance their game.

"We're going to learn a lot from this match," Campbell said. "It shows us we have to work really hard to compete at this level."

With stiff competition ahead, Saint Mary's should be able to draw from this loss both the physical improvements that need to be made as well as the emotional drive that usually follows from a tough defeat.

"This is good training for our best competition in the MIAA," Campbell said.

Monday's

match was one of many tough opponents the Belles will face this week. On Wednesday Saint Mary's will square off against Albion on the road and will then travel to face Kalamazoo on Saturday.

"We played Albion close last year and had a good match against Kalamazoo," Campbell said. "These are two of the very solid teams in the MIAA."

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Dale Campbell
Belles coach



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Sophomore wide receiver Michael Floyd runs after a catch during practice on Monday. Irish offensive coordinator Charley Molnar said the offense is now "starting to play with the effort we ask them to."

Practice

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center Braxton Cave delivered the first snap to Crist, with sophomore Zack Martin in position at left tackle and senior Taylor Dever at right guard.

"I think we get closer [to picking the top five linemen] every day, but it's going to be

a never-ending process and it may even go into the season," Molnar said. "I know Coach Kelly would love to settle us down into five main guys, but at this point it would be way too early to say that we found our five for the season."

The movement in the depth chart and the grasping of Kelly's spread offense coincided with the removing of tape from each player's helmet, bearing his respective

name. "It was symbolic. We're progressing into a team," Crist said. "Now we're playing for the gold helmets and the University. I think even those little things, paying attention to detail, are symbolic of how we're growing as a team and progressing as a team."

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said. The Belles returned home after the sweep of Albion to

host Alma in another MIAA doubleheader Saturday. Saint Mary's won the first in remarkable fashion, winning 4-3 in the ninth inning. Peterson recorded the game-winning hit with a double to right-center field that drove in the winning run.

Peterson became the first player in Saint Mary's history to reach 200 hits in a career. She continues to help pace the Belles with her explosive offense statistics, many shattering school records.

The Belles suffered a loss in the second game of the doubleheader, falling 13-5. The Scots jumped out to an early lead and never looked back.

In their final day of action, the Belles lost both games as they traveled to Franklin. Part of the reason for their lack of success may be in part because of fatigue. The team had played four games in two days at two different fields before facing the Grizzlies.

"Six games in three days was definitely physically and mentally exhausting," Sullivan said. "But we were battling with some lineup changes on Sunday and it just wasn't our day."

But the final two games were not all bad news.

Junior Hayley Bojorquez finished off the record-setting weekend for the Belles. She set the single season home run record for Saint Mary's by hitting her eighth home run of the season.

The Belles will next host Adrian Thursday at 3:30 p.m. in another crucial MIAA battle.

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NHL

Erratic Penguins enter playoffs

Associated Press

PITTSBURGH — The Pittsburgh Penguins are heading into the playoffs as the fourth seed in the Eastern Conference, just as they did when they won the Stanley Cup last season.

Again, they usually win when Sidney Crosby and Evgeni Malkin show up frequently on the scoresheet, and often lose when they don't. Dan Bylsma is still behind the bench. Marc-Andre Fleury remains in net.

As far as similarities go, that's about it.

Unlike last year, when they jetted into the playoffs as one of the NHL's hottest teams, going 18-3-4 in their final 25 games following Bylsma's hiring, the Penguins are playing erratically. After beginning the post-Olympic break with a four-game winning streak, they won successive games only once more in their final 16 games.

The playoff opponent is very familiar — this is the third time in four seasons the Penguins and Ottawa Senators meet in the first round. Pittsburgh lost in five games in 2007, its first playoff appearance since 2001, but won in a sweep the following season.

Maybe playing the dangerous Senators will "drive us into playing some good hockey," center Jordan Staal said, starting with Game 1 on Wednesday night.

The Penguins had only one

challenging round while winning the Eastern Conference the last two seasons, needing seven games to eliminate Washington last year. In 2008, they lost only two games, one each to the Rangers and Flyers, in three rounds.

The route to the finals appears to be much more difficult this year. As challenging, perhaps, as it has been for the Penguins to "get to our game" — one of Bylsma's favorite phrases and a rarely reached goal of late.

"I like our guys in terms of being playoff tested and playoff proven," Bylsma said. "We know how we are going to need to play."

The biggest concern: The Penguins' inability to beat the conference's top two teams. They lost all four to the Washington Capitals, two in extra time, and all six to the New Jersey Devils. Should the top four-seeded teams advance past the first round, the Penguins might have to beat both teams—each time without the home-ice advantage — to return to the finals for the third straight season.

Even if a team went 10-0 against another, Crosby said it wouldn't matter once the playoffs arrived. Regardless, the Penguins haven't beaten Washington since Game 7 last year or the Devils in more than a year.

Maybe fatigue is becoming a factor, even for a relatively

young team that accumulated 101 points this season, the fifth-most in team history. The Penguins have played 290 games since October 2007, 246 in the regular season and 44 in the playoffs, with another two months of postseason games possibly remaining.

Add on the Olympics for Canadian gold medalist Crosby and four other Penguins, and it's probably beginning to seem like a season without end.

Even with only two days between the end of the season and the start of the playoffs, Bylsma gave his team the day off on Monday.

Challenging for a second Stanley Cup in as many seasons would seem to be incentive enough, yet the Penguins struggled down the stretch against non-playoff teams. They lost 1-0 to Atlanta on Saturday, 10 days after an even-worse 2-0 loss to Tampa Bay that led to a postgame team meeting and an 8:30 a.m. practice on a scheduled day off.

As Staal said following the Atlanta loss, the Penguins currently are missing "a whole bunch of things."

Is motivation among them? It's easy for a team to say it can flick the switch and put its game into overdrive whenever it wants, something the Penguins did in April and May the past two years. Whether they can do it again may decide how deep into these playoffs they go.

SMC GOLF

Belles sweep weekend matches against Trine

By ALLAN JOSEPH
Sports Writer

No. 5 Saint Mary's faced off against MIAA and in-state rival Trine twice this weekend, winning once in South Bend and once in Angola, Ind.

The first dual meet was held at the par-75 South Bend Country Club in windy conditions that made low numbers hard to come by and made the round an exercise in course management. The Belles were able to come away with a 353-398 victory, led by junior Rosie O'Connor's 84.

Sophomore Natalie Matuszak shot an 87, while junior Mary Kate Boyce finished with an 88. No Thunder golfers finished in the top three individual performances, while senior Belles captain Perri Hamma fired a 94 to close out the scoring four for Saint Mary's.

Belles coach Mark Hamilton had a mixed opinion of the day overall for his squad.

"Saturday was tough conditions and a tough golf course," he said. "There were some glimpses of good, but it wasn't quite there."

On Sunday, the Belles traveled to Angola to play in another dual meet with the Thunder on Trine's Zollner Golf Course. Saint Mary's took advantage of more favorable conditions and played aggressively, resulting in a 22-stroke victory. The Belles finished with a score of

321 strokes to Trine's 343.

Boyce led Saint Mary's by carding the day's best round, a 74. O'Connor shot a 79, Hamma shot an 83 — with a 39 on the back nine — while Matuszak was the final scoring player with an 89.

"[Sunday] we played really well," Hamilton said. "We did better on Sunday."

Hamilton said he was especially pleased with the fact that the pair of dual wins came heading into

the first NCAA
q u a l i f i e r
Wednesday.

"That's really what we needed, a good confidence booster, because we've been playing decently but not putting good scores up," Hamilton

said. "We showed the rest of the country that we've got what it takes to make it."

Hamilton said he wants his squad to continue to minimize mistakes in order to continue to improve.

"We're really working on eliminating big numbers and staying in every hole," he said. "The focus was what improved over the weekend, allowing us to perform up to the ability that we're capable of."

The Belles look to continue to improve on Wednesday at Medalist Golf Club in Marshall, Mich., in the first MIAA NCAA qualifier.

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Mark Hamilton
Belles coach

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host Chicago State today before traveling on the road for a three-game set with conference rival Seton Hall.

"The guys are feeling snake bitten," Irish coach Dave Schrage said after the loss. "I can understand that. We need something good to happen to build off of, and we're still waiting for it. As a coach you've got to keep positive and got to keep them thinking they're going to win."

Senior pitcher Eric Maust earned no decision after pitching eight innings and giving up five runs. Maust had two strikeouts and did not issue a walk in the game.

"Baseball is a game of a lot of ups and downs," Maust said of the team's inconsistency. "Our focus for each day this coming week is to key in on the things we can control."

While the Irish have struggled through a rough start to their season, their problems seem triv-

ial compared to those of Chicago State. The Cougars will travel to Frank Eck Stadium with a 1-22 record, including 19 straight losses on the road. The Irish lineup, which scored 19 runs against Rutgers, could have a big day against the struggling team.

Senior first baseman Casey Martin and senior outfielder Ryan Connolly have led the Notre Dame offense, with each hitting .354 on the season. Connolly

leads the team with six home runs and 21 RBIs, and senior outfielder David Mills has driven in 20 runs on the year with a .350 average.

The weak Cougars offense will also be a welcome sight for Notre Dame pitchers after a rough weekend against the

Scarlet Knights. The issues on the mound climaxed Saturday, when Rutgers roughed up Irish pitchers for 25 runs in a 25-5 pounding.

First pitch today against the Cougars will be at 6:05 p.m. at Eck Stadium.

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Irish coach

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game at 11-8. The second half was fiercely competitive. Both teams battled for every loose ball, every layup was strongly contested and the game got very chippy, even stopping briefly midway through the second half for a minor verbal disagreement.

The physical nature of the second half played into Highlight's hands, however. They opened the second half with a 4-0 run to take a lead they would not relinquish. Continuing to pound the ball inside, Highlight started seeing its layups drop while Trill started cooling off from outside.

Trill fought hard but simply couldn't get its jumpers to fall late, and Highlight came away with a hard-fought win.

Book it and Lock It 21, Don't Foul, We'll Sue 8.

In a battle consisting mostly of law students, No. 3 Book It came away with an easy victory en route to what it hopes is many more victories.

Seniors Mike Bramante and Pat McHugh, junior Aaron Nichols and law students Kieran Piller and John Rompf made up Book It, while first-year law students Andrew Doyle, Eric Klupp, Leonard Giannone, Harrison St. Germain and Michael Kiel suited up for Don't Foul.

Book It held a distinct size advantage that it employed effectively on both ends of the court. On the attack, Book It relied on heavy doses of high passing, preferring not to dribble while imposing their will inside. In addition, they tried to force turnovers to get into fast-break situations.

To counter Book It's transition attack, Don't Foul attempted to slow the game down in one of

their many tactical adjustments.

"We tried to out-tactical the other team," Doyle said. "We figured, you know, with our law degrees, we could scheme up some plays. We didn't execute great, but we at least tried it."

Book It displayed its superior athleticism throughout the game, succeeding on multiple dunk attempts on dribble drives and fast breaks, taking an 11-4 lead at halftime.

The second half was more of the same, with Don't Foul sinking the occasional jump shot but being generally unable to crack the Book It defense.

Book It continued to dominate, especially on the boards, where they denied Don't Foul any second-chance opportunities while giving themselves second, third and even fourth chances. In the end, their size, length and athleticism overwhelmed Don't Foul, and Book It moved on to the next round in a 21-8 victory.

Farquad Farthest 21, Options without Futures 16

With a strong transition game, the athletic lineup of Farquad Farthest made a second half surge to beat Options without Futures.

Farquad Farthest consisted of freshman Bo Brinkman, sophomore Ben Mall, and juniors Kris Kast, Mike Sobolewski and Sam Russ.

Brinkman fought off a sprained ankle to pace the team with five points.

"It's Bookstore Basketball, you have to play through anything," Brinkman said.

Options without Futures led 13-10, but Farquad Farthest took control of the game with an 8-0 run early in the second half.

Staff members Mike Cook, Chris Gehring, Dave Ludwig, Brian Patterson and Pete Murphy made up the Options without Futures squad.

"It was a good game," Gehring said. "They had the size advan-

tage. It was hard fought, but we couldn't pull it out."

Farquad Farthest will play their next game Friday night.

Intimidation 21, No Billy Mays Quick Chop for Us 4

The gameplan for Intimidation was to run early and often in order to reach the next round of the tournament, and that is exactly what they did in their victory over No Billy Mays Quick Chop for Us.

Junior Rob Wilson and sophomore Mike DeRusso each dropped six points in the winning effort. Sophomore Matt Lemanski added four points, freshman Jonathan Fisher scored three and freshman Keith Marrero scored two.

"It was a lot of fun out there," Intimidation captain DeRusso said. "It was a beautiful night for the game. We played well tonight and I'm happy with what we did."

DeRusso hit several outside shots, including the clincher.

"My teammates were finding me for the open shot, so I kept shooting it," he said. "They had confidence in me so I kept putting them up and a few went in."

Fisher's tough defense helped the team get opportunities to run the fast break.

"We hustle, get the rebound, try to release quick and make a mismatch with our speed," he said.

Wilson tied DeRusso for the team lead with six points. He fueled the team with his hustle and energy.

"I really want to run all day," he said. "We rely on hustle, ferocity, and Matt Lemanski's good looks."

Intimidation advances to the next round and will play Friday night.

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FOOTBALL

Slow motion

Irish adjusting to new practice tempo, scheme

By DOUGLAS FARMER
Sports Editor

The Irish have finally slowed down Brian Kelly's frenetic pace.

Figuratively, not literally. Now in the eighth of 14 practices before the Blue-Gold Game, sophomore quarterback Dayne Crist and the rest of the Notre Dame offense have started to grasp the plays well enough to not be flustered by the quick tempo of practice under Kelly.

"The speed of what we're doing is something we haven't really seen before," Crist said. "But I think now that we've practiced it guys are starting to get a feeling for it. It's definitely not slowing down greatly, but it's slowing down enough for guys to apply their knowledge of plays and schematics on the field."

Offensive coordinator Charley Molnar echoed Crist's comments.

"The last two practices they are starting to show that they understand working at the tempo that we want them to," Molnar said. "They understand our base protections, our base runs, our base formations. [The offense is] real-



Sophomore quarterbacks Dayne Crist, left, and Nate Montana drop back to throw during drills at Notre Dame's eighth spring practice Monday.

ly starting to play now with the effort that we ask them to."

Monday's offensive first unit showed some of the changes Kelly spoke of after Saturday's two-hour scrimmage. Early enrollee Tai-ler Jones lined up alongside sen-

ior Duval Kamara and junior Michael Floyd.

"TJ has been very consistent since the first day of practice," Molnar said. "[Jones] very rarely drops the ball, very rarely makes a mistake. Beyond the fact that he's brand new to football, he

certainly possesses the skill set that we're looking for. We're going to give him every opportunity to learn and mature and kind of become a redshirt freshman in the fall."

On the offensive line, junior

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SMC SOFTBALL

Busy Belles win three, drop three

By TIM SINGLER
Sports Writer

Saint Mary's split six games in a marathon weekend, sweeping Albion 13-12 and 10-2 in six innings, splitting against Alma with a 4-3 win in nine innings and 13-5 loss in five innings and losing two contests to Franklin 6-3 and 18-7.

The Belles (16-12, 5-1 MIAA) began the weekend with a trip to Albion (15-9, 4-0), where they outscored their opponent by nine runs over the two games. Senior Ashley Peterson had a career series against Albion, as she shattered numerous Belles' records.

Peterson set Saint Mary's records for career home runs and career hits in the series, finishing the day going 7 for 9 at the plate with three homers and three doubles, while driving in 11 runs.

These accomplishments earned Peterson the MIAA Position Player of the Week honors.

"Ashley Peterson's five home runs on Friday and Saturday were so clutch and showed how great a hitter she really is," Belles coach Erin Sullivan

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BASEBALL

Team looks for turnaround

By MICHAEL BRYAN
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After dropping three straight Big East series to open up conference play, the Irish are looking for things to start going their way.

It looked like Notre Dame might finally have its breakthrough Sunday, tied with Rutgers 6-6 in the bottom of the ninth in the deciding game of the series. Junior shortstop Mick Doyle belted a pitch deep to left field, but the ball came down just short of the fence into the hands of a Scarlet Knight outfielder, and Rutgers scored in the 11th inning for an 8-6 win.

After the crushing loss and still trying to find some consistency in Big East play, the Irish will

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Junior shortstop Mick Doyle throws to first base during Notre Dame's 8-6 loss to Rutgers on Sunday.

BOOKSTORE BASKETBALL

Here's the Highlight defeats Team Trill 21-16

By ALLAN JOSEPH and ANDREW OWENS
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Team Trill came up against a significantly bigger and longer team in Here's the Highlight, and though they kept it close for most of the contest, fell 21-16 when they could not get shots to drop at the end of the game. Highlight, consisting of juniors Steven Bonomo, Kyle Tennant, Matt "Rodman" Kadich, Matt Stolze and Tony Rizzo, used their length to block and alter many of Trill's early shots, especially when Trill tried to attack inside early in the game.

Trill, consisting of sophomore Mike Burton and freshmen

Connor Ryan, JP Sullivan, Armani Sutton and James Yurkovich, could muster nothing offensively early but were not punished, as Highlight missed multiple open looks early in the game. Trill began to adjust its offense to their opponents' size, switching to a dribble-drive-kick offense that opened up jump shots, especially for Yurkovich and Sullivan, while contesting every one of Highlight's shots in an effort to keep pace.

The strategy worked, as the game was neck-and-neck for the majority of the first half before Trill reeled off two consecutive fast-break layups to open up their largest lead of the

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